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SOLDIER'S CERTIFICATE

No. 197977

VETERAN

Joseph A. Sutton

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SERVICE

Co G 15th NY Inf

CAN NO.

3802

BUNDLE NO.

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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE
(FOR A BOARD)

IN CASE OF

For A. Sullivan

Co. E 13th Regt 8th Vt.

Application for Increase.

No. 197,972

Date of examination: *Mar 10th*

1886

W. W. Brainerd
Board of Examining Surgeons

Post office, *New Arbor.*

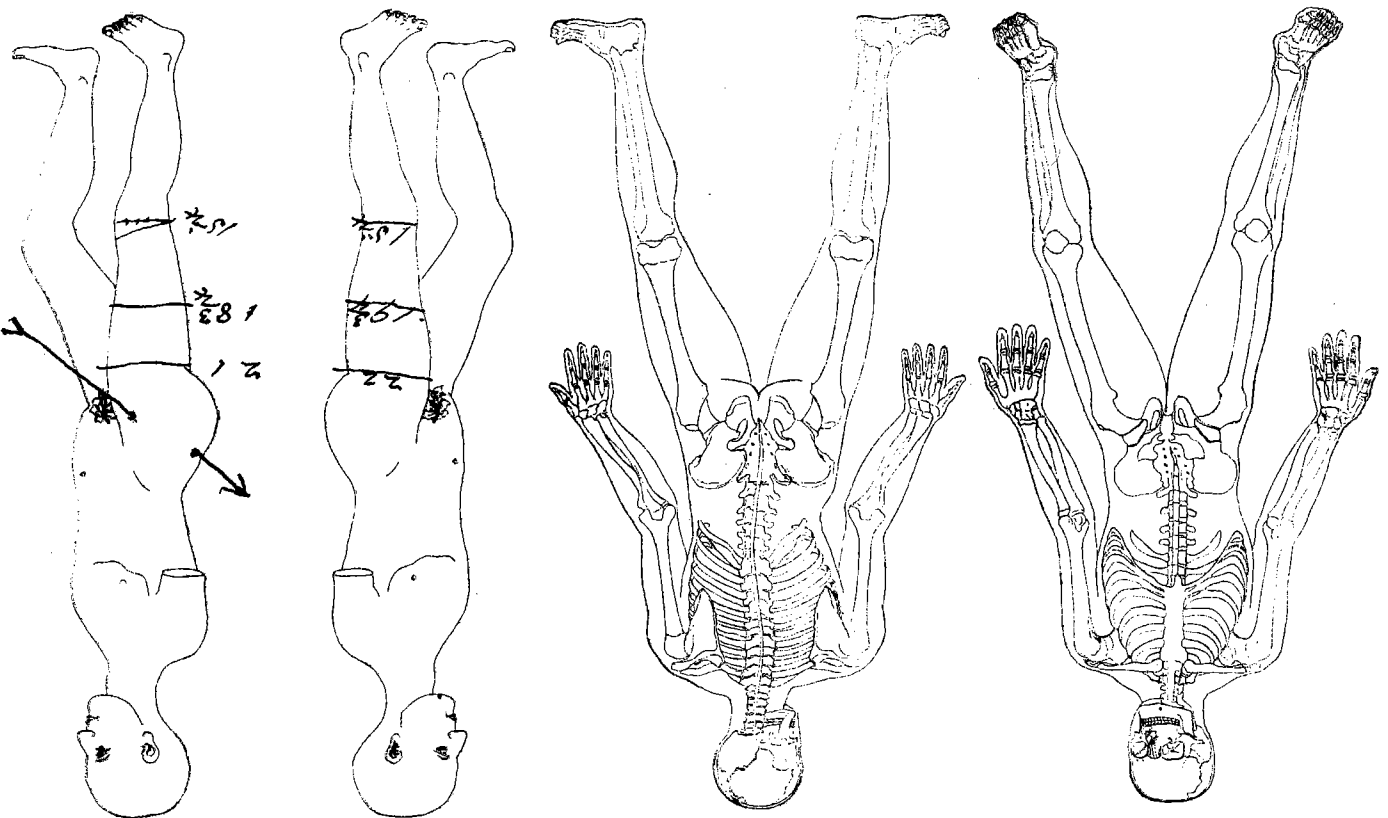
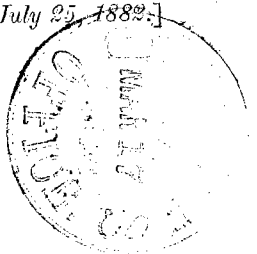
Washington

State, *Michigan*

P. S.—Write your Post-office address plain and in full.

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PROVIDED FURTHER, That all examinations shall be thorough and searching, and the certificate contain a full description of the physical condition of the claimant at the time, which shall include all the physical and rational signs and a statement of all the structural changes. [Extract from Section 4, Act of Congress approved July 25, 1882.]



Co. G. 13. N.Y. Inf

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REGISTER IN CHANCERY CERTIFICATE.

Oakland County Post Printing House, Pontiac.

State of Michigan, } ss.
County of Oakland,

David S. Howard *sp4*

Register of the Circuit

Court for the County of Oakland, IN CHANCERY, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of *Marriage between William Sutton and Enfield Jane Alexander of The Town of Byron Oakland County* in the above entitled cause in said Court, as appears of Record in my office. That I have compared the same with the original, and it is a true transcript therefrom, and of the whole thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at *Pontiac Mich* this *8th* day of *January* A. D. 189*2*

David S. Howard *sp4*

Register in Chancery.

William Sutton }
 To }
 Enfield Jane Alexander } Oak and County ss.

I certify that on the
 17th day of May - present the rite of Matrimony
 was solemnized by me between William,
 Sutton and Enfield Jane Alexander, both of
 Lyon in County aforesaid
 May 18th 1835.

William Tucker
 Justice of the Peace

Filed of Record June 16. 1835

Charles Draper
 dep. clerk

Clerks fees, 50^{cts} per case. Rent -
 and charges
 from the Court
 15/17/35

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

April 5th, 1866

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. _____, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the ~~Rolls~~ on file in this Office, that _____ was enrolled on the _____ day of _____, 186____, at _____ in Co. _____ Regiment of _____ Volunteers, to serve _____ years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a _____ on the _____ day of _____ 186____, at _____, in Co. _____, _____ Regiment of _____ Volunteers, to serve _____ years, or during the war.

On the Muster Roll of Co. "G," of that Regiment, for the month of _____ dated May 13th, 1863, he is reported, furnished no evidence of discharge in case of Private Joseph A. Sutton, but reports him a "Deserter" with the remarks "Dropped from _____"

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant, *Chas. F. Beck*

The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Assistant Adjutant General.

Memorandum

Name of applicant _____

Address _____

X the Rolls as a deserter per Genl Order No 92 7/11/3

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Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

Jan. 10, 1866.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. _____, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that Joseph A. Sutton was enrolled on the 8 day of Oct., 1861, at Danville, N. Y. in Co. _____, 13th Regiment of N. Y. Volunteers, to ^{to end of enlistment of 13th N. Y. V.} serve ~~years, or during the war,~~ and mustered into service as a ~~Pvt.~~ on the 8 day of Oct. 1861, at Danville, N. Y., in Co. _____, 13th Regiment of N. Y. Volunteers, ^{to end of enlistment of 13th N. Y. V.} to serve ~~years, or during the war.~~ On the Muster Roll of Co. G of that Regiment, for the months of Sept. and Oct. 1862, he is reported ~~Pvt.~~ Reported as ~~Private~~ and dropped from Roll in compliance with G. O. from War Dept. No. 92 and 104. On Roll for May and June 1862, he is reported ~~Wounded on picket at Yorktown, Va. 5th Subl. Hosp. May 7, 1862.~~

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant, Chas. F. Smith

The Commissioner of Pensions
Washington, D. C.

Assistant Adjutant General.

Memoranda

Name of applicant _____

Address _____

W. H. M. J.

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

97998

Washington, June 24, 1881.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.
Joseph A. Sutton Company G., 13th Regiment
New York Volunteers, was enrolled on the 2^d day of
Oct., 1861, at Danville, and
is reported: on roll for May & June 1862
Absent wounded on picket at Yorktown,
sent to Genl. Hospital May 2^d 1862 -

"Discharged May 14th 1863" -
JH Charge of desertion, (dropped as a desertion per Genl. Orders 92^d 4/62) removed.
He was admitted to Mill Creek G.H. Fort Monroe,
Va. Aug 3. 1862 and was transferred (sub North)
and entered G.H. at Red Bank Island N.Y. & H.
Sey Aug 9. 1862 disposition not given. He returned
to G.H. Fort Monroe date not given and was
returned to duty Nov 28. 1862. Admitted to
Invalids Camp, Va. Dec 1. 1862 and trans-
ferred to Hosp. Feb. 23. 1863. He was sent to
Lincoln G.H. Washington D.C. Feb. 24. 1863.
which he entered same day and was sent to
Philadelphia, April 14. 1863. He was admitted
to 24th and South St. G.H. Philadelphia, Pa.
April 15th 1863 and transferred May 6. 1863,
entered 16th & Filbert St. G.H. Philadelphia, Pa. May
6th 1863. And was returned to duty May 14. 1863,
as of which date he was subsequently discharged
the service by the Chief Mustering Officer at
Rochester N.Y. by reason of expiration of term." -
Co. & Regt's books not on file -
nature and location of wound received
on picket at Yorktown not stated.

W. M. McKim

Application for Accrued Pension.

(WIDOWS.)

State of Ohio, County of Cuyahoga, ss:

ON THIS 7 day of January, 1898, personally appeared Mary J. Sutton, who, being duly sworn, declares that she is the lawful widow of Joseph A. Sutton, deceased; that he died on the 15 day of June, 1891; that he had been granted a pension by Certificate No. _____ which is herewith returned (if not, state why not) It was never in her possession;

that he had been paid the pension by the Pension Agent at _____ up to the 4 day of March, 1891; after which date he had not been employed or paid in the Army, Navy or Marine service of the United States, ~~except~~ _____;

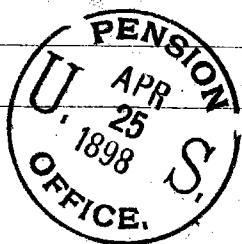
that she was married to the said Joseph A. Sutton on the _____ day of _____, 1868, at Byron, in the State of Michigan; that her name before said marriage was Mary J. Summitt that she had ~~or had not~~ been previously married; that her husband

had ~~or had not~~ been previously married; that she hereby makes application for the pension which had accrued on the aforesaid Certificate to the date of death; and that her residence is No. 311 Lake

Street, City of Cleveland County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio and her Post Office address is the same

Mary J. Sutton
Widow's Signature

Also personally appeared Wm. W. Webb, residing at Cleveland O. and Fred Clements residing at Cleveland, O., who, being duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Mary J. Sutton sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they ~~know~~ believe her to be the lawful widow of Joseph A. Sutton, who died on the 15 day of June, 1891, and that their means of knowledge that said parties were husband and wife, and that the husband died on said date, are as follows: _____



Wm. W. Webb

Fred Clements
Signatures of Witnesses

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 7 day of January, 1898, and I certify that the affiants are reputable persons; that they know the contents of their depositions, and that their statements are entitled to full faith and credit. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the above claim

John A. Bannhardt
Official Signature
Notary Public
Official Character

197.97
~~No. 9999~~
ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.
WAR OF 1861.

Vol. 3, page _____

Joseph A. Button
~~Sally Creek, Maryland~~
Oswego ~~Warren Co~~ NY
Priv. G, 13 NY Vols
Discharged May 14, 1863.

11/4.66. Suspended on ch'g of desertion.

Exp
Joseph H. Barrett
Commissioner.

Received, Dec 14, 1865.
Ralph T. Wood
Genl. Trans. ~~Warren~~
Gates Co NY.
Attorney.

ME.

N. H.

VT.

MASS.

R. I.

CONN.

N. Y.

N. J.

DEL.

No. _____

Ex'r.

18271 No. 668624
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2/197
Act of June 27, 1890.

Mary J. Sutton
311 Lake St. Cleveland,
Ohio,
Widow
Joseph A. Sutton
Ly 13 " N. Y. Inf

Died at

June 15 - 91

No other claim than

Lath. O - 537502 - 8

Jan 18, 1898

Jan 18, 1898 R. B. Buckley
Clerk.

Numerical No.

Attorney Filed.

Application filed: Jan 10 " 1898.
Attorney: M. B. Stevens & Co.,
P.O. Cleveland,
Ohio.

May 53 Atty S. show marriage by
record, clergyman, or witnesses.
N. H. As cl & soldier entered into
articles of agreement to separate

May 20 98. Atty S. prop. value
income, including that
VT. derived from soldier's estate.
MASS March 21/01. Date
and caused reg. in 1900
R. I. Atty Stevens & Co.
D.B.H.

CONN Aug 12/04 To Clk. with otc
Reg. that Bureau does not
N. think it possible for her
to furnish evidence suffi-
N. J. cient to warrant placing
her name on rolls. E.J.H.
Dec 17/04. To Clk. Sales
his list. not on file, E.J.H.

May 21/07. Gen. Paul Howland
facts as to S/c reg. Why no
strange action dr. warranted
what test could anyone give
reg. 100p. to 4p
NOV 4 1909 Hon Paul Howland
are for copy. E.J.H.

TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COST TO CLAIMANT.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

Whereas I, William B. Sutton Father of Joseph A. Sutton
late a Private of
in Company B, of the 13th Regiment of New York Infantry Volunteers,
war of the Rebellion, having made application for pension under the laws of the United States.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of services done and to be done in the premises, I hereby agree to allow my agent Perry Trine Pension Attorney of the village of Shulliken Michigan the fee of Ten DOLLARS, which shall include all amounts to be paid for any services in the furtherance of said claim; and said fee shall not be demanded by, or payable to my said agent, in whole or in part, except in case of the granting of my pension by the Commissioner of Pensions; and then the same shall be paid to him in accordance with the provisions of sections 4768 and 4769 of the Revised Statutes, U. S.

Geo H Sutton
Wm H Sutton
(Two Witnesses Signatures.)

William B Sutton
(Signature of Claimant.)
Coyle Clinton County Michigan
(Post-office Address.)

State of Michigan, County of Clinton, ss:

Be it known that on this, the 30th day of April A. D. 1892 personally appeared William B Sutton the above named, who, after having had read over to him in the hearing and presence of the two attesting witnesses the contents of the foregoing articles of agreement, voluntarily signed and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

[L. S.]

Robert W Davill
(Official Signature.)
Notary Public

Agent's Acceptance.

And now, to wit, this 2nd day of May A. D. 1892 accept the provisions contained in the foregoing articles of agreement, and will to the best of my ability, endeavor faithfully to represent the interest of the claimant in the premises. I hereby certify that I not have received from the claimant above-named the sum of Ten dollars and no more, _____ dollars being for fee, and the sum of _____ dollars being for postage and other expenses. And that these agreements have been executed in duplicate without additional cost to the claimant, as required by law, in excess of the fee above-named, the said agent making no charge therefor.

Witness my hand the year and day above written.

Perry Trine
(Signature of Agent.)

State of Mich., County of Catoz, ss:

Personally came Perry Trine, whom I know to be the person he represents himself to be, and who, having signed above acceptance of agreement, acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal this 2 day of May 1892

[L. S.]

Walter H Davis
(Official Signature.)

Commissioner's Approval.

APPROVED FOR _____ DOLLARS and payable to _____ of _____ the recognized attorney

TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COST TO CLAIMANT.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

Whereas I, William B. Sutton Father of Joseph A. Sutton
late a Private of
in Company G of the 13th Regiment of New York Infantry Volunteers,
war of the Rebellion, having made application for pension under the laws of the United States.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of services done and to be done in the premises, I hereby agree to allow my agent, Perry Trinn Public Attorney of the village
of Mulliken Michigan the fee of Ten
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Perry Trinn Attorney
(Signature of Agent.)

State of Mich, County of Eaton, ss:

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[L. S.]

Walter H Davis
(Official Signature.)

Commissioner's Approval.

APPROVED FOR _____ DOLLARS and payable to _____

_____ of _____
the recognized attorney

Index Sheet, Claim No. *Widow - #668,624**Joseph A. Sutton*

Service,

Co. "G" 13. N. Y. Inf

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NO.	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	DATE OF FILING.	SUBJECT.
1.	<i>Widow</i> Mary J. Sutton - No 341, Lake St. Cleveland. O.	Jan 10. 98.	<i>Widow -</i> Act. June 1890. Declaration
2.	"	Apr 25. 98	No agreement of separation - she refused to live with him - lived habitually He went home in Mich. Does not remember of articles separation being drawn No divorce - Married in 1868, there is no record - Res. Wright & wife & son present, at Byron. Mich.
3	"	June 4. 98	Neither married prior - He left no estate, no insurance, Has no property, no income. Except earning day labor. No one bound Has not disposed of any property
4	Clara H. Butler * 398 St Clair St. Alice Barnes * 64 Bond St. Cleveland. O.	June 1. 98	Acquaint 7. 8. yrs. Works for living No means but earning - A cook. No income, no one bound Not remarried
5.	Pub. Records Cuyahoga Co. O.	June 4. 98	No assessment to Either
6	George H. Sutton Mulliken. Mich	March 4. 98	Soldier's brother. Was killed, thrown from water tank. June 15. 1891. He not married prior. He got to to our home as wife & so recognized No question about their marriage 30 yrs ago. No divorce - He said they had a paper to separate, drawn by a lawyer in Sandy Creek, N.Y. 13 yrs ago but no divorce. No other service. Considers her the lawful widow - He only one wife

Service,

[illegible]

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION

ACT OF JUNE 27TH, 1890

This paper may be executed before a Notary Public, a Justice of the Peace, or any other officer authorized by law to administer oaths for general purposes. The Certificate of the Prothonotary or Clerk of the Court need NOT be attached hereto; but will be procured, if at all, when called for by the Commissioner of Pensions.

State of Ohio, County of Cuyahoga, SS.

On the date hereinafter mentioned, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public
within and for the County and State aforesaid, Mary J. Sutton aged 45 years, a resident
of the city of Cleveland County of Cuyahoga State of Ohio, who, being duly sworn
according to law, declares that she is the widow of Joseph A. Sutton who enlisted under the name of
Joseph A. Sutton at Danville, N. Y. the 8 day of
October A. D. 1864, in Co. G, 13th Regt N. Y. Inf. and served at least
Here state rank, company, and Regiment, if in the military service, or vessel, if in Navy. May 14/63 and died
sincerely days in the late war of the Rebellion, who was HONORABLY DISCHARGED

State date of death. The cause of death need not be stated. June 15/91
That she was married under the name of Mary J. Demmitt to said Joseph A. Sutton
on the 18 day of Nov 1868, by Rev Mr. Wright at Byron
Mich. there being no legal barrier to such marriage neither of them having
been previously married If there was a former marriage of claimant or her husband,
state it here and how dissolved. If there was no former marriage of either, so state

That she has not remarried since the death of the said Joseph A. Sutton That she is without
sufficient means of support other than her daily labor. That the names and dates of birth of all the children now living under sixteen years of age of
the soldier (or sailor) are as follows:

None 18.....
18.....
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That no prior application for pension has been filed by herself The soldier
was pensioned at 12. Furmuth

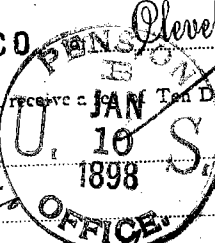
Be careful to fill this part of the blank correctly; if a prior application has been filed, so state, giving the number of the claim, and stating by whom filed.
That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of June 27,

1890. She hereby appoints, with power of substitution, MILO B. STEVENS & CO Cleveland, Ohio.
her successors or legal representatives, her true and lawful attorneys to prosecute her claim and receive a 10 Ten Dollars. That her post office

Address is 311 Lake St. Cleveland
County of Cuyahoga State of Ohio

J. A. Bonnhardt
J. G. Patchelor Two witnesses who can write, sign here
Mary J. Sutton Signature of Claimant

ATTY FILED



FROM OTHER SIDE.

Also personally appeared Wm. W. Webb residing at Cleveland, Ohio.
and Fred. Clements, residing at Cleveland, Ohio. persons whom

I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Mary J. Sutton, the claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and an acquaintance with her of three years and three years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Wm. W. Webb.
Fred. Clements
Signature of Witnesses.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7 day of January A. D. 1898; and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words

erased, and the words

added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

John A. Bonhardt
Official Signature.
Notary Public
Official Character.

The Act of June 27, 1890, requires in widow's case:

1. That the soldier served at least NINETY DAYS in the war of the Rebellion and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED.
2. Proof of soldier's death (death cause need not have been due to Army service).
3. That widow "is without other means of support than her daily labor."
4. That widow was married to soldier prior to June 27, 1890, date of the Act.
5. That all pensions under this Act commence from date of receipt of application in Pension Bureau.

Dec 19 1897

WIDOW'S CLAIM.

NO widow

Act of June 27th, 1890
Fathers Day 1892

Claimant Mary J. Sutton

Soldier Jacob H. A. Sutton

Co "14" 13th N.Y.

Inf

Address 311 Lake St.

Cleveland Ohio

FILED BY
MILO B. STEVENS & CO.,
SOLICITORS OF CLAIMS.

Cleveland, Ohio.

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JAN 21 1898
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ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

No. 668,624

Claimant Mary J. Sutton
P. O. No. 321 Cleveland
County Cuyahoga, State Ohio

Soldier Joseph A. Sutton
Rank Private, Co. "G."
Regiment 13th New York Vol. Inf.

Rate, \$8 per month, commencing January 10, 1898, and \$2 per month additional for each child, as follows:

Born,	18	}	Commencing	18
Sixteen,	18			
Born,	18	}	Commencing	18
Sixteen,	18			
Born,	18	}	Commencing	18
Sixteen,	18			
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Sixteen,	18			

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

All pension to terminate, 189..., date of

REJECTED

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name M. D. Stevens & Co.

Fee \$ 40.00 Agent to pay.

P. O. Cleveland, Ohio

Articles Filed, 189...

Redeemed for conscription May 2, 1900 APPROVALS:

Re. submitted for S. C. Div. July 11, 1898

Submitted for admission June 8, 1898

Re. " " July 16, 1899

Approved for Rejection

Claimant having been shown on the examination to have lived with one Frank Kennedy since soldier's death in battle measures as to justify an assumption of adultery. And the contradictory facts...

The soldier was shot at 12 per month for gun shot and right thigh

Enlisted October 8, 1861

Soldier's app'n filed December 14, 1865

honorably disch'd May 14, 1863

Clt's app'n under other laws No, 18

Re-enlisted No other service, 18

Former marriage of Neither, 18

honorably disch'd No, 18

Death of former No, 18

Died June 15, 1891

Clt's marriage to soldier No, 18

Declaration filed January 10, 1898

Clt not remarried No, 18

Claimant is without other means of support than her daily labor.

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Claimant writes

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Wis. No. 624

Claimant Mary J. Sutton
P. O. 62 Mohican Street
County Cleveland
State Ohio

Soldier *Joseph A. Sutton*
Rank *Private*
Company *G*
Regiment *13 N.Y. Vol. Inf.*

Attorney None

P.O.

Claim under act of June 27th 1890 filed January 10th 1898, rejected February 18th 1899
on the ground ^{the claimants} that ~~your~~ conduct since the death of the soldier and
the passage of the act of August 7th 1882 has been such as to
forfeit your title to pension as his widow.

Evidence indicated below, filed since above rejection, is not deemed sufficient to warrant reopening of claim for the reason that it does not outweigh the positive statement of the claimant, ^(If not sufficient give reasons here.) is a Special Examiner of this Bureau, showing her relations with one Frank Knowles

Nov 3 1909 Jas Sadler
Examiner.

Nov 3 1904 W. H. Meier
Chief of Division.

Respectfully referred to the Medical Referee for an opinion as to whether the evidence indicated below, considered in connection with that previously filed, warrants reopening.

The evidence does ----- warrant

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Examiner.

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Chief of Division.

Medical Examiner

Medical Reviewer:

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Medical Referee.

EVIDENCE FILED WITH A VIEW TO REOPENING CLAIM.

Nov 3rd, 1909 Testimony of Jane O'Merritt

190---- Testimony of

190. Testimony of

190- Testimony of

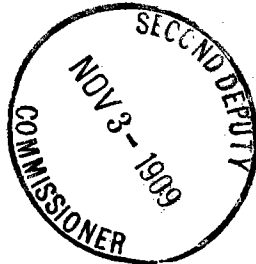
190. Testimony of

House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.

Cleveland, Ohio, October 30, 1909.

NOV 4 1909
[Signature]

Hon. V. Warner,
Washington, D. C.



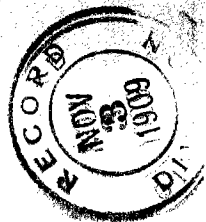
My dear Mr. Warner:-

In-re. Mary N. Sutton, Widow of Joseph A. Sutton,
Co. G, 13th New York Vol. Infantry.

With reference to the above case I wish to submit
the affidavit of Mrs. Jane Demeritt.

Sometime ago I received a communication from the
Department stating that the widow's claim had been rejected
on the grounds that she had lived in adultery prior to the
death of her soldier husband and subsequent thereto, and that
the proof the Department had, ^{with} reference to this statement
was an affidavit from her own brother Charles Demeritt set-
ting up the facts of adultery. I have been informed by re-
sponsible citizens of Painesville who knew Mr. Demeritt that
he was a drunkard and of unsound mind. In order to substantiate
this claim his own wife has sworn to the affidavit which I am
herewith enclosing. If the Department deems it necessary, I
can submit affidavits from substantial people in Painesville
who have known Mrs. Sutton ever since she was a girl to the
effect that she is of good character and other affidavits to

House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.



Cleveland, Ohio, October 30, 1909.

the effect that Charles Demerritt had occasional fits of insanity, was an habitual drunkard, and was very spiteful and revengeful. I would not trespass upon the time of the Department in this matter, except that I feel an injustice has been done this woman, and the further fact that she is probably on her death bed, and that it would be a great solace to her now if the serious charge which has been against her could be removed. I would be glad to hear from the Department in this matter, and would be pleased to have your advice as to the proper method of procedure.

Very respectfully,

Paul Howland



(3-459.)

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER U. S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS

At Cleveland, Ohio

Dec 24, 1898.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINATION.

Case of Mary J. Sutton No. 668624

To Mary J. Sutton, Claimant:

You are hereby notified that, by order of the Commissioner of Pensions, the undersigned will, on the 24th day of Dec, A. D. 1898; and continuing thereafter as long as may be necessary, at Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, and elsewhere if necessary, conduct a special examination of the aforesaid pension claim, at which time and place all material witnesses will be heard.

And you are further notified that you have the privilege of being present, in person or by attorney, during said special examination, and of cross-examining said witnesses and of introducing any material evidence on your own behalf, if you so desire.

Joseph Hall

Special Examiner.

Sir

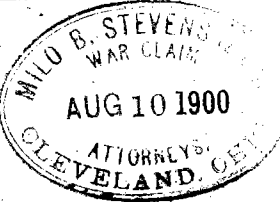
I acknowledge service of copy of above notice this 24th day of Dec, 1898, and desire the examination to begin on the day specified

Mary J. Sutton

No. 17.

COMPLETED CASE.

OFFICE OF
Milo B. Stevens & Co.
SOLICITORS OF
Claims and Patents.



Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

SIR:—

We beg to remark that evidence to complete this case was filed

Referred for Special Examination July 13/1900

Early action is earnestly requested.

Very respectfully,

Milo B. Stevens & Co.
ATTORNEYS, ETC.

Case of *Mary J. widow of Joseph Button*

Late *"G" 13* Co., Reg't.

Dr. Y. Inf. Vol.

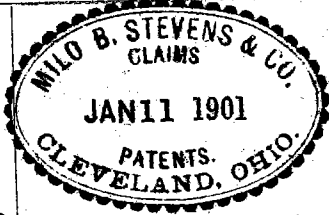
for *Pension Act 9/27/40*

No. *668,624*

1-8-1900-2M.

No. 15.

INQUIRY SLIP.



MILO B. STEVENS & CO.,
ATTORNEYS
TO THE

Commissioner of Pensions.

No. *668,624*

Mary J. Button

(Name of Claimant.)

Joseph A. Button

(Name of Soldier.)

Co. B, 13th A. G. Inf.

(Service of Soldier.)

Widow's Claim, Act June 27/90

INFORMATION DESIRED.

(Make answer, please, to the office of the firm from which this appears to have been received.)

Special examination ordered July 13/98. Accrued pension allowed to claimant in May 1900.

What is the present status of this claim. Early action is respectfully requested.

Milo B. Stevens & Co.

1-24-1900 10M.

INVALID (Series)

Cert. No. 194944

JUN 7 1900

Name, *Joseph A. Shattuck*
Rank *Col.* Service *1861-1865*
Regt. Massachusetts

Original Roll: *Manual*

Agency: *Transf. to Col. 1868, 16th Regt. Pa.*

DEAD

Issued *March 3, 18*

Mailed *18*

Rate and Period, \$ *6*, from *May 18*

Deductions:

Disability: *4 of 4 of night*

Entered *March 8*

Issued *April 8*

Mailed *13*

Rate and Period, \$ *12*, from *Jan 10*

Deductions:

Disability: *Loss of right thumb*

Issued, *18*
Mailed, *18*
Rate and Period, \$ *18*, from *18*

Deductions:

Disability:

Issued, *18*
Mailed, *18*
Rate and Period, \$ *18*, from *18*

Accrued Pensions,
ACT OF MARCH 2, 1895.
Accrued - Pension Certificate and
Order issued *May 24, 1900*
Payable to *Wid.*
Mailed *May 28, 1900*

Disability: *Loss of right thumb*
Entered *March 8*

ENDORSEMENTS:

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CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT.

DEPOSITION 1Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 537502On this 24th day of Dec, 1898,
at Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga,
State of Ohio, before me, Joseph Hall, a
Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appearedMary J. Sutton, the applicant in the aforesaid pension claim, who says:

Q. If it should become necessary to further examine your claim, by taking testimony of witnesses elsewhere, do you desire to be present in person or be represented by an attorney, or both, at such further examination? If so, you will be notified as to the place and time when it is to be made.

A. No I waive notice

Q. Should you change your mind and desire to be present, or be represented by an attorney during any further examination of your case, will you at once address a letter to the "Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C." giving the name and the number of your claim, informing him that you have so changed your mind, and desire to be notified when your claim is to be further examined?

A. yes

Q. State the names of the person or persons instrumental in the prosecution of your claim for pension, and their post-office addresses.

A. Wm B. Stevens & Co
Cleveland O

Q. State what contract or contracts you have made with such person or persons for their services in prosecuting your claim for pension, and whether such contract or contracts were written or verbal.

A. I made no contract

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Q. State the amount of fees paid by you or at your instance, to whom paid, and all the circumstances connected with the transaction.

A.

I paid no fees

Q. Please give me the names of all witnesses that you desire examined elsewhere, with their post-office addresses, and also state what you expect to prove by each witness.

A.

*Seth Nichols in the P.O. at Fowlsville
Mich saw my marriage cert and knows
all about me. He can tell of others
The Nichols were related to the Suttons*

Q. Have you any complaint to make as to the conduct, manner, or fairness of the examination of your claim?
If so, please state specifically what it is.

A.

No

Q. Do you desire to introduce any more testimony before me?

A.

No

Mary J. Sitter

Deponent.

24th day of *Dec*, 189*8*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Joseph Hall

Special Examiner.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF New York }
 COUNTY OF Oswego } SS.

In the matter of the claim for

Pension of Mary J. Sutton, widow of
Joseph A. Sutton less by "13" U. S. Imp. Koh.
 (Character of Claim)
 (Name of Claimant, the Name and Service of Soldier.)

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the

County and State aforesaid.

Jacob Mantle and his wife Amanda E. Mantle
 (Here write the Name of the Affiant or of each Affiant, together with the Postoffice address)
 P.O. address: Sandy Creek, N. Y.

persons of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows:

Our acquaintance with Joseph A. Sutton and
 his wife Mary J. Sutton, commenced about
 the year 1874 or 1875 - we cannot give the
 exact time - when said parties came
 to this town, where they lived together
 as husband & wife for several years
 until they separated. We don't pretend
 to know the details leading up to
 their separation, all we know is
 that the said Mary J. Sutton left
 the said Joseph A. Sutton, and that
 she took their two children with her.
Sutton remained here perhaps a year
 or so, and then he too went away.
 We never heard that the said
 parties were divorced - and while
 they lived together in this town we
 know that it was the general
 belief of the community that they
 were husband & wife and they were
 recognized as such. Further than
 this we are unable to state.
 We make the above statement
 from personal knowledge & recollection.
 We further declare that we have
 no interest in this case and are
 not concerned in its prosecution.

Jacob Mantle
Amanda E. Mantle



☑ If either Affiant signs by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

Signature of
Affiant or of
each Affiant.

of } Hyman Beekley
of }
at. } Justice of the Peace


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(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

I fully certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.....

.....
 (Name of Officer before whom executed.)

 Justice of the Peace
 (State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

 The Officer before whom this Affidavit is Executed must note in his Certificate all Erasures and Interlineations, as indicated above.

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1-26-98-10M.

No. 668,624

CASE OF

Mary J. widow of

Joseph A. Sutton

Wm. G. 13" N. H. West

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AFFIDAVIT OF

Manila -

separated from 1875
then separated

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SOLICITORS OF CLAIMS.

Cleveland, Ohio,

Certificate of Property Assessments.

State of Ohio, County of Cuyahoga, ss:

IN THE pension claim of

Mary J. Sutton, widow of
Joseph A. Sutton, Co. 13 Regt. N.Y. Vol. Inf.

I, A. E. Skins, Auditor

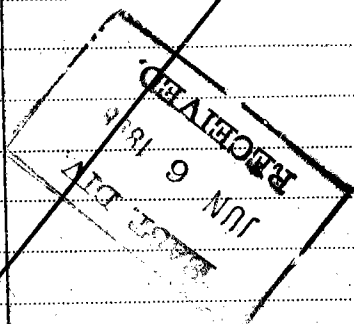
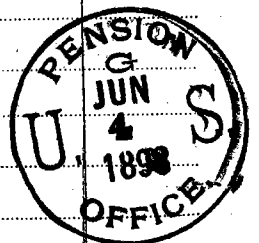
Name of Officer

Official Designation

of the County of Cuyahoga, in the State of Ohio

do hereby certify that I have carefully examined the Records of Assessments of real and personal property in and for said County, and of which I am the lawful custodian, and find the assessments and valuations therein recorded against property standing in the name of Mary J. Sutton or Joseph A. Sutton for the years hereafter designated, to be as follows, to wit:

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1898	<u>" "</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>—</u>
1899				



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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of

Ohio

County of

Cuyahoga

ss.

In the matter of the claim for

Pension of the widow of

Joseph A. Sutton, Co. G. 13th U. S. Inf. Vol.

(Name of Claimant, the Name and Service of Soldier.)

Personally came before me, a

Notary Public

in and for the

County and State aforesaid

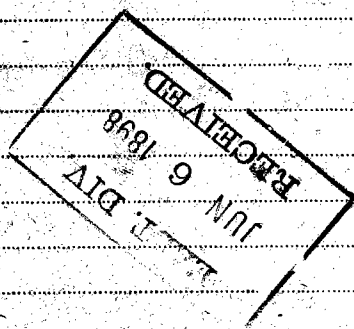
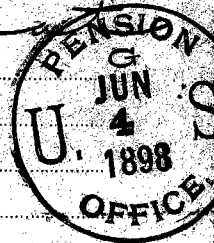
Mary J. Sutton, the claimant

(Here write the name of the Affiant or of each Affiant, together with the Postoffice address.)

person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows:

Whether the late Joseph A. Sutton now I was ever married prior to our marriage with each other - My late husband left no estate and carried no insurance that I am aware of - he made his home with a brother in Michigan at the time he died. I have not since his death and do not now own any property, real or personal, no stocks, bonds, mortgages or other investments, and have had no income except what I have been able to earn by my own daily labor - No person is legally bound for my support, but I am dependent upon my daily labor for a support. I have not disposed of any property since my husband's death because I have had none to dispose of. I am a cook by occupation and I earn a living in that way.

Mary J. Sutton



further declare that.....no interest in said claim, and
not concerned in its prosecution.

If either Affiant signs by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1.....Signature of
(Name of one witness to X mark.) Affiant or of
2.....each Affiant.
(Name of other witness to X mark.)

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this 28 day of May 1898
at Cleveland, in the County of Cuyahoga State of
Ohio and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were
fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

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(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

added: that the affiant is to me well known and is apparently respectable and worthy
(Is or are.) (Is or are.)
of full credit, and I fully certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution
of this claim.

[L. S.]

John A. B...
Name of Officers before whom executed.
Notary Public
State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.

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(10-23-96-10m.)

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Wed. No. 668624, 698,

CASE OF

Mary J. Sutton
widow of

Joseph A. Sutton
Dec. 13, 1897 Inf.

Witness
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Sutton left nothing
over for my firm

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PERSON ATTORNEYS
Cleveland, Ohio

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Ohio

County of Cuyahoga } ss.

In the matter of the claim for

pension of the widow of
Joseph A. Sutton Co. G. 13. 1. 4. Inf. Vol.
(Character of claim.)
(Name of Claimant, the Name and Service of Soldier.)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

County and State aforesaid Clara H. Butler age 27 years of 398 St. Clair St.
(Here write the name of the Affiant or of each Affiant, together with the Post Office address.)

Alice Barner, aged 33 years of 61 Bond St. Cleveland, a
person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid claim, as
follows: We have been personally acquainted

with Mary J. Sutton, the widow of
Joseph A. Sutton; for a period of seven
years and five years respectively.

We know that during all of this
time she has worked for her living,
and has had no means except
such as she was able to earn
by her own labor - She is a Cook
by occupation - and during the summer
months is employed on the boats
in her capacity as Cook -

She has not since we have
been acquainted with her, owned
any property, real or personal,
nor stocks, bonds, mortgages or
other investments; and she has
had no income except what
she has been able to earn by
her daily labor -

No person has been during
this time, legally bound for her
support -

The applicant has not remained
since the death of Joseph A.
Sutton - She is a worthy
respectable woman -

We make these statements from
personal knowledge, derived by
our close personal acquaintance
with her.

We further declare that we
have no interest in this case
and are not concerned in its
prosecution.

Clara H. Butler
Alice Barner



further declare that..... no interest in said claim, and
not concerned in its prosecution.

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(Name of one witness to X mark.)

Signature of
Affiant or of
each Affiant.

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CASE OF

Mary J. Sutton

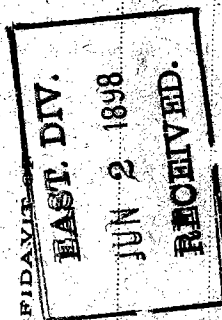
widow of

Joseph A. Sutton

Dec. 13 N.Y. Sup.

FOR

Person



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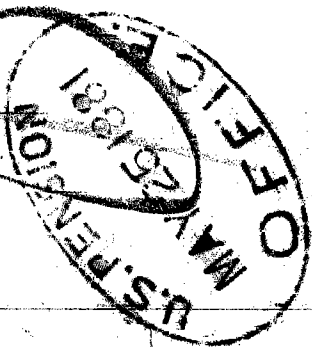
STATE OF NEW YORK, } ss.
Oswego County Clerk's Office,

I, MERRICK STOWELL, Clerk of said County and of the Supreme and County Courts therein, which are Courts of Record, Do CERTIFY, that E. C. Thomas whose name is subscribed to the JURAT of the annexed instrument, was, at the time of taking the same a NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for said County, and duly qualified and authorized to take the same. And I FURTHER CERTIFY, that I am well acquainted with his hand writing, and verily believe the signature to said JURAT is genuine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said County and Courts, at the City of Oswego, this 20th day of May 1881
Merrick Stowell CLERK.

Notary Public Oswego Co. N.Y.

Joseph A. Sullivan
Cas. B. 13 N. Y. Vol.
Sullivan
no other



to a request from the acting Com-
missioner of Pensions dated May 14, 1881

Subscribed and
sworn to before Joseph A. Sutton
on this 19th day
of May 1881

C. E. Thomas

Notary Public Oswego Co. N.Y.

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Joseph A. Sutton

Ex. S. 13 N. 2. Vol.

Subscribed

No other



Dear Patron:

We regret that the enclosed photocopies are the best we were able to obtain using our normal reproduction process. This is caused primarily by the ages and faded conditions of some of the documents from which these copies were made.

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BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668624

On this 17 day of April, ¹⁹⁰⁰~~189~~, at
Sandy Creek, county of Cass,
 State of New York, before me, E. F. Moran, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Edmund H. Sargent, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 71 years of age; my post-office address is Sandy
 Creek, Cass Co., N. Y. Occupation
merchant. I have been a resident of this
 place all my life.

I remember Joseph A. Sutton and his
 wife Mary J. Sutton. The latter kept a
 grocery store here and lived here until
 some time in the '80's I sold
 said Joseph A. Sutton a house after 1880
 and they lived in this house for a time
 after I sold it to them. They lived together
 as husband and wife and were re-
 cognized by every one here. I have
 no particular recollection of any letters
 of separation, and I never heard of any
 divorce. I cannot recall Paddy Hyde
 but I do remember that the claimant
 did not bear a post class reputation
 while she lived here. I do not know
 when she went when she left here, but
 long heard it reported that she went
 to Tonawanda N. Y. I do not remember
 particularly about her leaving her husband
 I do not remember any thing further
 of either after they left here. I am not related and have no
 interest. I have heard this objection
 and have understood the questions and
 my answers are correctly recorded.

Lined area for deponent's statement.

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of April,
1955, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

C. H. Mason

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *D*Case of *Mary J. Sutton*, No. *668624*

On this *17* day of *April*, *1900*, at
Sandy Creek, county of *Oswego*
 State of *New York*, before me, *E. H. Mason*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
John M. Syers, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am *42* years of age; my post-office address is *Sandy
 Creek, Oswego, N. Y.* Occupation *Joiner
 in Plate Manufacturing*. I have been a resident
 of *Sandy Creek* *18* years. I was formerly
 acquainted with *Joseph A. Sutton* in his lifetime
 and I know his wife *Mary J. Sutton*.
 I first became acquainted with them when
 I moved here *18* years ago. They were then
 living together as husband and wife and were
 recognized by every one. *Paddy Hyde*
 was also living here at the same time
 and I think he boarded with *Sold Joseph
 A. Sutton*. They both worked in the *foundry*.
 The Claimant lived here about two years
 after I came here. There was considerable
 talk about Claimant and *Paddy Hyde*.
 The Claimant did not bear a good
 reputation. It must be *16 or 17* years
 since Claimant left here. The Claimant
 left her husband and went away and
 it was claimed she went to *Seneca
 N. Y.* and lived with *Paddy Hyde*.
 I did not know that of my own knowledge
 but it was current report. I never knew of
 any acts of leprosy and never knew
 of any disease. I have never seen
 the Claimant nor *Paddy Hyde* since
 they left here *16 or 17* years ago. It is
 my recollection that the Claimant and

Reddy says that he has about the same thing
I can not recall and from no witness
other than this deposition used here
indicating the questions and they answer
are correctly recorded
John W. Wilson
deponent

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of April, 1908, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Special Examiner.

D. F. Wilson

DEPOSITION B.Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668.624

On this 17 day of April, 1900, at
Sandy Creek, county of Oswego
 State of New York, before me, E. F. Mason, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Amanda E. Mantle, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 56 years of age; my post-office address is Sandy Creek
Oswego Co., N. Y. Occupation housewife.
 I have been a resident of Sandy Creek for
 the past 26 years, and have been the wife of
Jacob Mantle all this time. I was formerly
 acquainted with Joseph A. Sutton and his wife
Mary J. Sutton. I live a neighbor to them here.
 They were living here when I moved into town.
 They lived here several years, three or four and
 perhaps longer, and then they separated, and
 she went away and took with her their two
 children. They lived together here as husband
 and wife and were so recognized and the two
 children were recognized as their children.
 The children I think were born before I knew
 the said parties. I do not know the cause of their
 separation. There was some talk about the claimant
 and Paddy Hyde, but I do not know as there was
 the cause of the separation. I did not know of
 any letters of separation, or that they were
 divorced, I never heard of any divorce.
 I remember that Paddy Hyde left here shortly
 before the claimant separated from her husband.
 I don't know where he went to. Shortly after
 Paddy Hyde left here claimant took her
 children and went away. I don't know
 whether she joined Paddy Hyde or not. I
 never heard of her or Paddy Hyde after
 they left here. Paddy Hyde boarded with the

claimant before she separated from her husband, and there was some talk about them but I do not know as there was any thing wrong between them.

I know that the claimant and Joseph A. Sutton lived together here for several years and were recognized as husband and wife, and that they had two children, girls, which claimant took away with her when she separated from her husband. I know never claimed from her husband so far as I know. I have made an affidavit in this case. I made it about two years ago. Some lawyer sent me the affidavit written out and I signed it. I then testified about the same as I have now. I signed the same affidavit that my husband signed. The affidavit B. D. I, where you show me bears my signature. After hearing the same read I say it is correct.

I am not related and have no interest. I have heard this deposition read, have understood the questions and my answers are correctly recorded.

Amanda E. Marlette
Deponent

Deponent.

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E. F. Mason

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *A.*Case of *Mary J. Sutton*, No. *668.624*

On this *17* day of *April*, *1900*, at *Sandy Creek*, county of *Oswego*, State of *New York*, before me, *E. J. Mason*, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared *Jacob Mantle*, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am *62* years of age; my post-office address is *Sandy Creek, Oswego Co., N.Y.* Occupation has been *night watch*. I have been a resident of *Sandy Creek* for the past *26* years. I was formerly acquainted with *Joseph A. Sutton* and his wife *Mary J.* They were living here when I moved into town and were known and recognized as husband and wife. I did not know either of them prior to their marriage. I don't know where they lived prior to their coming here and know nothing about their marriage. They lived together here in marriage relations for several years. I cannot remember how many and then they separated and she went away. They had two girls at this time, and she took them with her. I do not know where she went, and I never know any thing of her after she went away. He remained here a year or more after the separation and then he went west. I do not remember where it was. I do not know the cause of their separation. I never heard any thing about a divorce and they were never divorced so far as I know. The son *Mary J. Sutton* did not bear the best kind of a reputation while she lived here. There was some talk about her in connection with *Patrick Hyde*. He worked here in the *livery* while they lived here. I know nothing between them of my own knowledge. I merely

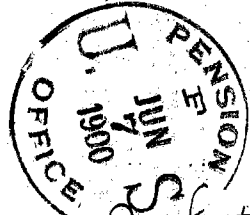
Yes I am told about them. I never know
that there are any articles appearing between
the Commission and the President. I have made
a statement in the previous case, I think that
two years ago, the lawyer from some place
in Ohio, sent me an affidavit which I
signed. I then testified that they had been
here so many and they are here to be sworn,
and that they defected and I claim they are
away with the President. The affidavit
B. J. which you claim is from my organization,
After hearing the same read out I say it is correct,
I am not related and have no interest
there and this affidavit was, I am sure
the questions are and my answers are
correctly stated.

Jack Kault
deponent

1908
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of June
1897, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

E. F. Maass
Special Examiner.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.



STATE OF.....

COUNTY OF.....

SS.

In the matter of the claim for.....

Admiral pension of Mary J. Sutton,
widow of Joseph A. Sutton.
(Character of Claim)
(Name of Claimant, the Name and Service of Soldier)

Personally came before me, a.....

Notary Public.....

(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk or Deputy Clerk)

in and for the

County and State aforesaid.....

Mary J. Sutton the claimant -
(Here write the name of the Affiant or of each Affiant, together with the Postoffice address)

P.O. address 13 Payne Ave Cleveland, O.
 person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows:

That she is unable to return the old Pension Certificate dated April 8, 1896, for the reason that she has no knowledge concerning its whereabouts. Her husband was living in Michigan at the time of his death while she was living there - and she does not know what was done with his Pension papers.

Mary J. Sutton

U.S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS
FINANCE DIVISION
JUN 8 1900

..... further declare that..... no interest in said claim, and..... not
concerned in its prosecution.

☒ If either Affiant signs by X mark, two persons who write their
names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1..... Signature of
(Name of one witness to X mark) Affiant or of
2..... each Affiant.
(Name of other witness to X mark)

Sworn, to and subscribed before me, this..... 2..... day of June..... 1900
at..... Cleveland..... in the County of Cuyahoga..... State of
Ohio.....

..... and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing
affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

(If any words have been erased in the affidavit, enter them here)

..... erased and the words

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here)

added: that the affiant..... ~~is not~~ ^{but} to me well known and ~~is~~ ^{is apparently respectable}; and
(Is or are) (Is or are) (Here state whether respectable and credible)

I fully certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.....

John A. Boninhardt
(Name of Officer before Whom executed)

[L. S.]

Notary Public

(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk or Deputy Clerk)

☒ The Officer before whom this Affidavit is Executed must note in His Certificate all Erasures and Interlineations, as indicated above.

NOTE.—☒ This paper may be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. Certificate of Clerk of Court need not
be attached; but will be procured when called for by the department. In numerous instances the official character of the Notary or Magistrate
is already officially known at the department.

1-19-99, 10M.

No.....
CASE OF

FOR

AFFIDAVIT OF

FILED BY

Milo B. Stevens & Co.,

SOLICITORS OF CLAIMS AND PATENTS.

Cleveland, Ohio,

RECORDED
JUL 13 1900
NOTARIAL

May 6, 1907.

Hon. Paul Howland,
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Howland:

In response to your inquiry of the second instant, received the fourth, relative to the claim for pension under the Act of June 27, 1890, Number 668,624, of Mary J. Sutton, whose address, as stated by you, is 1729 East Eighteenth Street, Cleveland, Ohio, as the widow of Joseph A. Sutton, who served in Company G, Thirteenth New York Volunteer Infantry, I have the honor to inform you that said claim was rejected May 16, 1900, on the ground that the evidence on file showed that the claimant had, since the death of the soldier, violated the Act of August 7, 1882, by living with one Frank Knowles in such a manner as to justify an assumption of adultery.

There is nothing now pending in the claimant's behalf.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

[Handwritten signature]

November 4, 1909.

Hon. Paul Howland,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Howland:

In reply to your letter of the thirtieth ultimo, received the second instant, relative to the claim for pension under the Act of June 27, 1890, Number 668624, of Mary J. Sutton, whose last-known address is 62 Morrison Street, ~~Cleveland~~ *Cleveland*, Ohio (in 1899), widow of Joseph A. Sutton, who served in Company G, Thirteenth New York Infantry, I have the honor to inform you that said claim was properly rejected in 1899, on the ground that the claimant, ~~by~~ her conduct and relations with one Frank Knowles after the soldier's death in 1891, had forfeited her title to pension as his widow, as provided by the Act of August 7, 1882.

The testimony of Jane Demeritt, transmitted by you, is not deemed sufficient to warrant a reopening of this claim, as it cannot be accepted to outweigh the positive statement of claimant, on file in the case, showing her relations with Frank Knowles.

Affiant Jane Demeritt testified in this case previous to the rejection of the claim, and her testimony at that time corroborated claimant's statement on file in the

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case that she (claimant) lived with one Frank Knowles as his wife after the soldier's death, and was known as Mrs. Knowles.

Further consideration of this case is not now warranted.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Cleveland Ohio

April 14, 1899.

Sir

I have the honor to return herewith the papers in No 68624 Mary J. Sutton Widow of Joseph H. Sutton Co's 13th Reg. Vol Inf and to submit my report in the case.

Claimant's last address in this city was 42 Mission St in this city. She is now away but her daughter is there and a letter addressed there will probably reach her. She went to Mich somewhere to get a job as cook on some boat. The claim was referred to the S E Div to determine the question of legal widowhood and was submitted by me for report for violation of Act of Aug 7, 1882. It was returned to the S. E. Div to complete the ascertainment and I submit the testimony of the only witness in my district whose testimony I had not taken, bearing on the question of legal widowhood. I think it is probable that Claimant is the legal widow of the Soldier, and recommend further examination for the testimony of Geo H Sutton Mulliken Eaton Co Mich

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Jacob Mantle Sandy Creek Oswego Co NY
Amanda E Mantle " " " "

John Weavit Pulaski " "
John P or Patrick Hyde Chelappon Mich
for evidence as to Sepul Widowhood

Very respectfully

Joseph Hall

Special Examiner

Hon Commissioners of Pensions

Washington

W C.

DEPOSITION H

Case of Mary Jane Sutton, No. 468624

On this 31st day of Jan, 1899, at
Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga
 State of Ohio, before me, Joseph Hall, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Clara Butler, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 34 years of age; my post-office address is at
462 1/2 Detroit St. I am the wife of Ed Butler.
 I became acquainted with the claimant
 about 6 or 7 years ago. She was living
 in Chubbass at the time I think though
 I am not sure. She was visiting her
 daughter in Detroit Mich when I met
 her. Her oldest daughter Lillie who
 was then married. I did not meet
 her again till I came here three
 years ago. She had been living in
 Cleveland. I knew her daughter
 Lillie and used to hear about
 her through her daughter. I have never
 heard of her as being married.
 I never knew her to go by any
 other name than Sutton.
 I never knew her as Mrs Knables
 or Mrs Hyde. I lived in her house
 nearly a year when I first came
 here. I worked for her and my
 husband boarded there. That
 was before my marriage.
 She was known then as Mrs Sutton.
 So far as I know she is a hard
 working honest woman. I never
 knew or heard anything against
 her character. She has never lived
 with any man as his wife since

I never knew a man named Frank Hreawles.

I am not related and have no interest in the case. Her daughter Lillie married my 2nd cousin. That is how we became acquainted. My answers have been correctly recorded.

Clara Butler

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of June, 1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Joseph Hall

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *by*Case of *Mary J. Sutton*, No. *648424*

On this *25th* day of *Jan*, 189*7*, at *Cleveland*, county of *Cuyahoga*, State of *Ohio*, before me, *Joseph Hall*, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared *Alce Barnes*, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am *34* years of age; my post-office address is *61 Bond St Cleveland Ohio*. I am the wife of *Edmund Barnes*. I am acquainted with the Claimant I have known her about five or six years - somewhere along there. I knew of her before that she worked for a Mrs Ennis and Mrs Ennis always called her Mrs Kramble but I have always known her as Mrs Sutton. She worked for me last spring. She never told me why she had formerly gone by the name of Kramble. There was a man who used to call on her pretty regularly when she worked for me but I do not think she has ever been married since I have known her. His name was Allison. She has never lived with any man as his wife since I have known her. She had no property that I know of though she said she expected some from her husband. I do not know anything against her character though her reputation is not the best. She works for her living and has no other source of income.

that I know of. I did not know
her prior to the 2nd manuparation
of President Cleveland.
I am not related and have no interest
in the case.

My answers have been correctly recorded
Mrs E. Barker.

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of June,
1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

Joseph Hall

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION F

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668424

On this 19th day of Jan, 1899, at
Painesville, county of Lake
 State of Ohio, before me, Joseph Hall, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Lavinia J. Demeritt, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 61 years of age; my post-office address is as above
 I am the wife of Charles O. Demeritt claimant's
 brother. I knew her from the time she was
10 years of age but I came here in 1864.
 I moved from where she was in 1861 and
 I did not see her till she came here in 1881
 I heard of her marriage to soldier and never
 had reason to doubt it. She came here with
 her two children in 1881. June 1881 she said
 she had separated from her husband but
 could not get a divorce from him as she
 could not prove adultery. In Sept 1881
John P. Hyde came here and she claimed
 him as her husband. She had one child
 born about 2 weeks after he got here
 and she said this was ~~her~~ Hyde's child
 and that she had one by him before
 they came here. In Feb 1882 she went
 back to her husband in Genesee Creek
 and in about 6 weeks Hyde followed
 her. They got soldier's pension money &
 as I understand went to Tonawanda
 N.Y. where Hyde opened a saloon.
 They went to Chippewa Mich from there
 I cannot tell when but in 1887 she
 left there and left Hyde and came
 back here. She went by the name of
Hyde then and kept that name
 till she pretended to marry Frank

Knowles she went off to Yampston
and around and came back to Cleveland
and announced that they were married.
She had three children by Hyde counting
the one that was born before they came
here and she said that was Hyde's
she had no children by Knowles, but
she lived with him till 1893.

I believe she is the legal widow of Sutton.
He wrote to us after she left him and
and took that pension money, and
he told us how she left and that
he would do anything for her if
she would only live with him.
So far as I know she has lived with
no man as his wife since 1893.

I see her about once a year and
her daughters come to see us so we
keep track of her. She has kept boarders
& gone out washing and went on
about one summer.

She has always been a very hard
working woman.

I have no interest in the case, and I
have no malice I have felt sorry for her
because she was without a mother when
she needed one most and we have
tried to get her to live a straight life
but she would not.

My answers have been correctly recorded.

Lydia J. DeMeritt

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of Jan,
1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

Joseph Hall

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 648424

On this 19th day of June, 1892, at Wernersville, county of Franklin, State of Ohio, before me, Joseph H. Hall, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Charles O. Merritt, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 61 years of age; my post-office address is as above
Occupation Laborer
 Claimant is my sister. I left the State of New York. I left Wernersville in 1842, and I never saw the soldier that I know of I came here in 1844 then I went to Mich after the war closed and was gone 4 years. Then I came back. I know by common report that Claimant & Joseph Sutton were man & wife. He wrote me letters acknowledging her as his wife that is he wrote of her as such and she always spoke of him as her husband but I do not know where they were married. I never saw any of his people. I did not see Claimant ^{after Sept 21} till she came here about 14 years after her marriage. She brought her two children with her. She said she had separated from her husband but I never heard of her getting a divorce from him or that he got one from her. If she had got a divorce while here I would have known it. I do not remember how long she was here. She stopped a short time at first and then went to Mich. I do not remember how long she was gone. Then she came back and was

here several years. She was never married but once that I know of. She has lived with two different men.

She lived with a man named Hysle while here who followed her. She was here but a short time and then went back to her husband and then she left again and got with Hysle and they went to Mich. He was in Mich. Chelogan Mich. the last I heard of him. She lived with Frank Knowles more or less for the period of five or six years.

She has lived with no one since about 1893. My wife can tell you more about it than I can. I have no interest in the case. I have heard Soldier was a fine man and a good worker.

I know nothing about him.

My answers have been correctly recorded.

Charles O. Demeritt

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of June, 1897, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Joseph Hall

Special Examiner.

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Chicoutou Ohio
Feb 2 1899

Dear Sir I have the honor to return herewith
the papers in regard to Mary J. Sutton
Widow of Joseph A. Sutton Esq. 13th St N.Y.
Not only 100 dollars as Mrs. Sutton St. Louis
Ohio and to send me report of the 82 and
the case was referred to the 82 and
to determine whether claimant was
the legal widow of the soldier.
I found claimant living with
her son in law and her two daughters
I was not favorably impressed with
her and the lack of numbers of the
directory showed that she formerly
lived in the Burlington district.
Her brother said his wife had
sent contributions for fruit and
exhibited no notice was in going
their testimony. My informant has
a very poor memory especially for
dates but his wife was particularly
strong in that respect. The lack
numbers of the directory show that
Frank Knapp lived at 394 Lake St
in 1892 and claimant submitted
that she lived with Knapp the
he left the city.

and Soldier died in June 1891.

Mrs Lottie Sweet B J & is a sister of Mrs Wemmitt who told me that she knew Claimant in her earlier career but only came to Pineville 3 years ago so I did not think it necessary to see her. I searched the records of this city for evidence of divorce but found none. I found several parties here who knew Claimant as Mrs Knowles but they were about the same character as herself and refused to testify. After taking the testimony I sent for Claimant to come to the office to get her away from her children before confronting her with the testimony against her. but she brought her oldest daughter with her. She claimed that she could prove by her youngest daughter who was with her all the time that she had not lived with either H-yak or Knowles or his wife but her daughter said "No you cant for" she said she would have nothing to do with it. I said I would take her testimony but she did not bring her to the office but came

a few days later and made
another statement withdrawing
her claim.

Her own admissions are in
my opinion sufficient to warrant
rejection of her claim for violation
of Act of Aug 7, 1882 and taken
in connection with the evidence
of others, they certainly are.

I recommend rejection

Very respectfully

Joseph Hall

Special Examiner

Hon Commissioner of Pensions
Washington

W C.

DEPOSITION *A*Case of *Mary J. Sutton*, No. *668,624*.

On this *30* day of *September*, 1899, at *Paginaw*, county of *Paginaw* State of *Mich.*, before me, *J. C. O'Connell*, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared *Alfred S. Sutton*, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am *43* years of age; my post-office address is *Dice, Paginaw Co. Mich.* lumber mill business. I am the brother of *Joseph H. Sutton* who was in the *13th N.Y. Vol. Inf.* I think in *Co. G*.

Q Where did your brother, *Joseph H. Sutton*, live after his return from the service?

A He first came back to *Sturben Co. N.Y.* My parents were living there at that time. My father's name was *William R. Sutton*. He died in *Goatfoot Co. Mich.* No, he never lived in *Cheboygan Co. Mich.*

Q Was your brother ever at *Canandaigua Lake, N.Y.*?

A I almost think he was.

Q Was he a musician?

A No sir, he could play no music at all. No, he never played music to dance with.

Q Do you know whether he was ever at a place called *Blood's Corners, N.Y.*?

A Yes, he was there that was after the war.

Q I only know that from what he told me. Was he at *Loon Lake, N.Y.*?

A Yes sir that's where we lived when he came from the army.

Q Did Joseph ever live with you after the war?

A Yes, about seven years the last seven years before he died, at *Esque, Clinton Co. Mich.*

He died, the date I cannot tell now, It is as much as eight years ago. It was caused by an accidental fall from a wagon. And died in about half an hour.

He fell on his head and shoulders. I was in the wagon with him at the time he fell.

Q Did he ever live at Sand Creek, Col.?

A Yes Sir, that's where I lived with him. That was, that was seven years before he died. Came from there to Mich. with me.

Q Did you ever know him to live in Painesville Ohio

A I don't think he did.

Q Was he married?

A He married Mary Semerill.

Q How do you know he married this girl?

A I saw his married Certificate.

Q When did you see his marriage Certificate?

A That was when I was a small boy.

He married after he came from the army.

I don't know the date. They were married by a Justice. I don't know his name, at Byron, Mich. but I would not swear to that.

Q How many times was he married?

A Never but once.

Q Where did he live after they were married?

A They were married on their way from Col. and lived at Conway, Livingston Co. Mich. and lived with my folks a few weeks for about six months. They lived in Mich. about

Alfred D. Suttles

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of over 189____, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

DEPOSITION

A

Case of Albany J. Wilson, No. 668624

On this

day of

189, at

county of

State of

a

special examiner of the Bureau of Prisons personally appeared

who, being by me first duly sworn to

answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special

examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am

years of age; my post-office address is

A year and a half and then went back to
Thompson, Ark., Ark.
Did he continue to live with his wife
until his death?

No Sir. They were separated two or three
different times. The first time he left him
fulfilled that she was away with a back
smith. I could not tell the name or
when they lived then. He returned and
they lived together. The next time they separ-

ated he left him again. I don't recollect
how that separation occurred (since she
returned) I lived with a lady and he wrote that
it was a matter of expense. The witness
was it was possible that was true.

After she left him the last time the separation
to a written bill of agreement, worked up
by a lawyer. I asked the Baker myself
and had it in my possession for two or
three years after my brother died about
that time. I could find it now. He was to pay
her six dollars a week. All the
was done at - Dana Creek, Ark. She was to

make no further demands on him.
Although I came with me to March. we stayed
at "Lawrence's", Ark. My brother stayed at
one of his churches. All the money at
Dana Creek. I told me she claimed that it

was not his. said she said if there was a drop of Sutton blood in it she would cut it out with a Knife. She was then living in Townawanda with Paddy Hyde. He was the head of the house. She had little children there with her. I could not say whose children they were. My brother said they were not his children. My supposition was that herself and Paddy had sexual intercourse. I think Paddy Hyde and herself separated at Cheboygan before my brother died. Those two girls came to our place - her girl. They said their mother was up at Cheboygan, with Paddy Hyde. I think these girls are now in Cleveland Ohio. I don't know where Paddy Hyde is now. I met him then at Townawanda.

Q Did you ever hear that she and Frank Knowles kept a photograph gallery?
 A No, Sir, I don't remember him.
 Q Where was Mary J. Sutton living when your brother died and what were her means of livelihood?
 A I could not tell you. My brother George last fall or winter received a communication from her about her pension. The last I heard of George he was at Sunfield Mich. That was last spring I saw him. was working on a farm. I don't know the man for whom he worked, lived a mile and a half north of Sunfield, Mich.

Alfred S. Sutter

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of over 189____, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *A*Case of *Mary J. Sutton*, No. *668,624*.

On this

10 day of, 189*9*, at

State of

California, aspecial examiner of the ~~Bureau of Pensions~~ *Department*, personally appeared*John J. Sullivan*, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:I am *32* years of age; my post-office address is*Q* Has she married or lived with anybody since your brother Joseph's death?*A* Not to my knowledge.*Q* Have you heard that she has been living with anybody as his wife since your brother Joseph's death?*A* No, I have never heard anybody say.*Q* Was she married before she married your brother?*A* I don't think she was.*Q* No Sir. I never saw her before she married my brother.*Q* Did your brother Joseph, marry or cohabit with any woman after the separation or while he lived with you before he died?*A* Not to my knowledge. I know he never married anybody. The vice of separation between ^{them} set aside all claims by mutual agreement as husband and wife just as if they were never married. I don't know the lawyer who drew up the paper.*Q* He lived in Santa Teresa, my brother died, seven years. He bought his house and lot off B. D. Sargent there. He can tell all about him. I have no interest.*I understand your questions and my answers are correctly recorded.* *Alfred D. Sullivan**Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30 of September 1899 and I certify the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.*Page *8*Deposition *A**J. C. O'Connell*
Special Examiner

NEIGHBORS' AFFIDAVIT.

For the testimony of EMPLOYERS OR NEAR NEIGHBORS of soldier (other than relatives), showing his present physical disability, as required under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

State of Michigan, County of Clinton, ss.

In the matter of the application for pension of William B. Sutton ^{father of Joseph A. Sutton} Co. G 13th Regt. New York Infantry vol. Claims No 537502

ON THIS 15th day of October A. D. 1892; personally appeared before me, a

Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths

Alfred D. Sutton aged 36 years, a resident of Lafayette Township

In the County of Gratiot and State of Michigan

whose Post Office address is Bathbone Gratiot County Michigan and

aged _____ years, a resident of _____

in the County of _____ and State of _____

whose Post Office address is _____

well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid

case as follows: That _____ have been well and personally acquainted with Joseph A. Sutton

for 30 years, and _____ years respectively, and that Said Joseph A. Sutton had

A gunshot wound in his right thigh near the hip that

crippled him in a very severe manner so much so that

it affected his whole nervous system and also the left leg

and he was so much crippled from said gunshot wound

that he had to use two canes and many times walk with

crutches and also many times he would appear to have but little

use of his legs and would fall down and have to be carried

into the house by some one, on the 15th day of June 1891 the time of

his death I was in the wagon with him he was sitting on the

seat of the wagon driving the horses, I noticed that he was in

a very nervous condition and he drove the team so that the

wheels of the wagon struck a stone in the highway about

five or six inches high and being in a very nervous condition

and having but little use of his legs by reason of said wounded

and crippled condition he fell out of the wagon causing his death

had he of been free from his wounded crippled nervous condition in my

opinion he would not of fell out of the wagon for the reason that he

had a better chance of keeping in the wagon than I did, for the reason

that he was sitting on the seat of the wagon and I was standing up in the

wagon just behind him and I did not come any ways near falling

out and I do not believe that the falling out of the wagon as he did

would of been likely to caused his death if he had of been

free from said wounded crippled nervous condition for reason that

he was nearly helpless and unable to help him self and had he of

been free from said condition he would not of been likely to of drove or

the or of fell out of the wagon the said accident happened within

Instructions—read carefully.

The witnesses must state:

1st. Their respective ages and occupation; the length of time they have known the soldier, and how long during that period they have employed, worked with or for him, or lived in the same neighborhood with him and how near to him.

2d. If they have employed or worked with him they should state where it was and at what business; or if they know him as neighbors only they should state about what distance from him they live; how frequently they see him and converse with him, and how intimate they are with him, and from what disease or disability he is suffering with at present, and whether at any time he is obliged to stop work by reason of his alleged disabilities. In this connection, if the witnesses have been his employers, or have worked with him or for him, they should state about what proportion of a sound, able-bodied man's work he is able to do—whether $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, or as the case may be; what his actual earnings are, and whether or not the wages paid him are less in amount, and how much less on account of his inability to labor than is paid to others physically sound, and doing the same kind of work. They should also state how they are able to say what his disabilities are, and describe fully and clearly the symptoms as they appear to them in his case; in fact, describe his physical condition fully, and show whether or not he is suffering from a mental or physical disability of a permanent character, not the result of his own vicious habits and the extent which he is incapacitated from the performance of manual labor, or the degree he has been unable to earn a support since the filing of his claim.

thirty Rods of his Place of Residence in the Township of Eagle in the County of Clinton and state of Michigan said soldier was subject to said Prostrate nervous spells by reason of said wound, and when the nervous spells was slight he was a careful driver after the fall he was cautious to the last and he says at this time it was no more than he expected in his condition but he says his Pension was so small that he had to do more than he was able to get a living for himself and his father

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution. but am a Relative

Alfred D. Sniters

[If Affiants sign by mark, two witnesses who can write sign here.]

[Signature of Affiants.]

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STATE OF Michigan, COUNTY OF Clinton, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words, erased, and the words house added and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me and that he is a credible person.

Walter St Davis
[Official Signature.]
Notary Public
[Official Character.]

[L. S.]

I, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit was at the time of so doing in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this day of, 18

[L. S.]

Clerk of the

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Supplementary Evidence

NEIGHBORS' AFFIDAVIT.	
Act of June 27, 1890.	
AFFIDAVIT OF	
Alfred D. Sniters	
J. C. Walker Great Co. Mich	
Nature of claim William Reddick Father	
of Soldier Joseph A. Sniters	
Co. G. Thirtieth	
Reg't.	
New York Infantry	
Vols.	
No. of Claim 537502	
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NEIGHBORS' AFFIDAVIT.

Supplementary Evidence.

For the testimony of EMPLOYERS OR NEAR NEIGHBORS of soldier (other than relatives), showing his present physical disability, as required under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

State of Michigan, County of Clinton, ss.

In the matter of the application for pension of William R. Sutton Father of Joseph A. Sutton Private Co. 4 13th Regt N.Y. Infantry roll claim No 58752

ON THIS 14th day of November A. D. 1892, personally appeared before me, a

Notary Public In and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths
George H. Sutton aged 71 years, a resident of Danby

in the County of Jarvis and State of Michigan

whose Post Office address is Grand Ledge Eaton County State of Michigan and
aged _____ years, a resident of _____

in the County of _____ and State of _____

whose Post Office address is _____

well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid

case as follows: That I have been well and personally acquainted with Joseph A. Sutton for 36 years, and _____ years respectively, and that prior to said soldiers

Enlistment in the State of New York he was a healthy robust
stout young man and free from any disabilities
and that said soldier served in the army of the United
States until he was discharged about the 14th of May 1863 when he
returned in a wounded condition in the right
thigh which appeared to affect the use of both legs to a
great degree and we moved to Michigan in 1864 his
wound in his right thigh since his discharge has
been growing worse it appears to affect his whole
nervous system and at times as he grew older he
became subject to nervous prostration so much
so during the last two or three years that he
had spells that he would fall down and be unable
to stand alone or help himself and quite a number
of times in this condition I have had to carry
him on my back to the house and take care of
him until he came out of these thinking spells said
soldier was poor and his pension was small and had
to provide for his father William R. Sutton for the last
eight years and he was to do all the labor he could with
his horse to make a living with his pension to get a
living for himself and his father and ^{when} these nervous spells
came on he was prostrated and could do nothing I know
the foregoing facts and circumstances by reason of having
near him and living with him a great deal of this time
I was present within a few minutes after he met with

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witnesses must state:
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and occupation; the
th of time they have
wn the soldier, and
long during that pe-
they have employed,
red with or for him,
red in the same neigh-
ood with him and how
to him.
2. If they have employ-
r worked with him
should state where it
and at what business;
they know him as
bors only they should
about what distance
him they live; how
tently they see him
converse with him,
ow intimate they are
him, and from what
se or disability he is
ring with at present,
whether at any time
obliged to stop work
ason of his alleged
ilities. In this con-
on, if the witnesses
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r him, they should
about what propor-
of a sound, able-
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to do—whether $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$,
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be; what his actual
ngs are, and whether
t the wages paid him
ess in amount, and
much less on account
s inability to labor
is paid to others phy-
y sound, and doing
is kind of work.
3. They should also state
they are able to say
his disabilities are,
describe fully and
ly the symptoms as
appear to them in his
in fact, describe his
cal condition fully,
show whether or not
suffering from a men-
r physical disability
permanent character,
he result of his own
is habits and the ex-
which he is incapaci-
from the perform-
of manual labor, or
egree he has been
e to earn a support
the filing of his

The accident of falling out of his wagon about Twenty rods
of his place of Residence it was no more than I could expect
from the condition that he was in and it is my opinion
that it was from one of these sinking nervous spells that
he was subject to that caused him to fall out of the wagon
shaking his nerve causing his death the result of his wound
in his right thigh at this time he lived in Eagle Clinton County in the
State of Michigan I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned
in its prosecution.

Geo H Sutter

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of saying when he added
and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in

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to me and that he is a credible person.

Thos H Eddy

[Official Signature.]

Notary Public

[Official Character.]

[L. S.]

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and State, do certify that, Esq., who has signed his name to the
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NEIGHBORS' AFFIDAVIT.

Act of June 27, 1890.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Geo H Sutter
Wm Grand Lodge Michigan

Nature of claim William H Sutter Estate

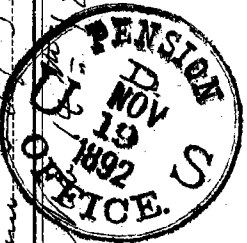
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Co G 13th Reg't.

Michigan Infantry Vols.

No. of Claim 537502

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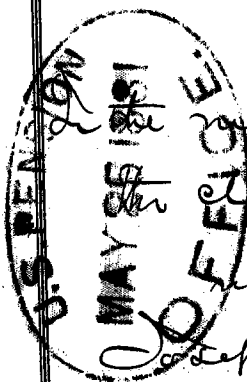


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Supplementary Evidence



in the matter of
the claim for pension
made by
Joseph A. Sutton
G. Co. 13th N.Y. Vols.

No. 97,998

State of New York
County of Oswego ss -

Joseph A. Sutton,

being sworn says he is the person
of that name formerly a private in
"G" Co. 13th N.Y. Vols. who now has a
claim pending in the Pension Office of
the Pension Department at Washington
D.C. for a pension, and that his
present post-office address is at
Sandy Creek Oswego County State
of New York -

Further deponent says he has not been
in the military service of the United States
at any time except as a private in Company G, of
the 13th New York Volunteers, as stated
in his application, from which service
he was discharged on or about May
14, 1863 - and that since such discharge
he has not in any way been in the
service of the United States -

- This affidavit is furnished in reply

See page, 10, Special Examiner Hall's 1st. report.

Observe the testimony of John P. Hyde, alias Paddy Hyde- He swears that she "took in washing any where"-took ⁱⁿ lots of washing for him and lived with him at Painsville, Ohio, Towanawanda, N.Y. and at Cheboygan, Mich. that he advertised her in the papers at Cheboygan not to let her have any thing in his name for she went there under the name of Mrs. Hyde. The witness states that at one time the soldier ^{sold her} for a barrel of flour to his brother, Jim.

It appears that this claimant engaged considerably in the business of - "taking in washing" and by that means several children were born to her without the bonds of wedlock.

There is no question in my mind ~~that~~ the claimant was the legal wife of the soldier, but I am of the opinion that she is amenable to the provisions of the Act of Aug. 7, 1882.

I am of opinion this claim has no merit.

Further examination is recommended as to legal widowhood and for the testimony of the lawyer who drew up the articles of separation at Sandy Creek, Oswego Co. N.Y., also for the testimony of Edward Sergeant, Jacob Mantle and Amanda E. Mantle of the same place. (See B. J. p. 7)

Very respectfully,

J. C. O'Connell,
Special Examiner.

No. 668,624.

Mary J. Sutton, widow of

Joseph A. Sutton, Co. G, 13, N.Y. Vol. Inf.

Basis of examination-legal widowhood,--marriage and divorce
of claimant and soldier.

P.O. Address, No. 62, Harrison St. Cleveland,

Cuyahoga Co. Ohio.

Saginaw, Mich.

Oct. 11, 1899.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I have the honor to return with report the papers in the above cited claim, referred to this district for the testimony of witnesses as ^{to} legal widowhood, marriage or divorce of the soldier and the claimant, which will be found herewith.

The deponent, Alfred D. Sutton, is the brother of the soldier with whom he lived the last seven years of his life. This witness corroborates the statement of the claimant as to the time and place of the marriage of the claimant to the soldier, namely, at Byron, Mich. on the way from N.Y. to his people in Mich. Witness saw their marriage certificate. The witness also saw the paper containing the articles of separation drawn up at Sandy Creek, N.Y. between the soldier and the claimant, and ^{had} the paper in his possession during two or three years after the soldier's death. According to this written agreement the soldier was to pay her a cash amount, which he did, and all obligations as husband and wife were cancelled.

Contrast this statement with that of the claimant, (See page 8, Special Examiner Hall's report No. 1)

"We had no written agreement about a separation. I never signed any paper with him except, when I was going to leave him I signed away my right of dower in the place he owned."

The claimant also states that she never lived with this man Hyde.

(Over)

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF Michigan
COUNTY OF Cato } ss.

In the matter of the claim for Pension of Mary J. widow of
Joseph A. Sutton (Character of Claim.) Co. 4. 13. N.Y. Inf. Vols.
(Name of Claimant, the Name and Service of Soldier.)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)
County and State aforesaid George F. Sutton, whose address
is Mulliken Mich.
(Here write the name of the Affiant or of each Affiant, together with the Postoffice address)

person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows:

I am brother of Joseph A. Sutton, the soldier named in the aforesaid claim - My said brother was killed on June 15, 1891, by being thrown from a water tank - in Eagle township Mich -

My said brother was never married previous to his marriage with the applicant, Mary J. Sutton - of this I feel certain - I have no personal knowledge of their marriage - I know that my brother brought the applicant to our home and introduced her as his wife and we all recognized her as his lawful wife - I think they were married in Schwansee Mich. I never had any reason to question the legality of their marriage - I cannot give the date even approximately when their marriage occurred - but it must be close onto thirty years ago.

The said Joseph A. Sutton and the said Mary J. Sutton, were never divorced - Joseph told me that they had a paper drawn by a Lawyer in Sandy Creek, N.Y. to separate twelve or thirteen years ago - but they were never divorced - I feel certain that if they had ever been divorced, the facts would have come to my knowledge.

The said Joseph A. Sutton was not employed in the military or naval service of the U.S. prior to Oct. 8, 1861, or subsequent to May 14, 1863 - the respective dates of his enlistment in or discharge from Co. 4. 13. N.Y. Inf. Vols. I considered this applicant Mary J.

Sutton, to be the lawful widow of Joseph A. Sutton, she never had but this one wife.

I further declare that I have no interest in said claim, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

If either Affiant signs by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1 (Name of one witness to X mark.)
2 (Name of other witness to X mark.)

Signature of Affiant or of each Affiant.

George H. Sutton

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this First day of March 1898 at Mulliken, in the County of Calumet State of Illinois and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

(If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here.)

erased and the words

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

added: that the affiant is to me well known and is apparently respectable and worthy of full credit, and (Is or are.) (Is or are.)

I fully certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Waller T. Davis

(Name of Officer before whom executed.)

[L. S.]

Notary Public

(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

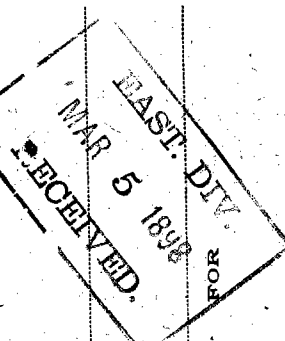
The Officer before whom this Affidavit is Executed must note in his Certificate all Erasures and Interlineations, as indicated above.

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No.

CASE OF

Widow of Joseph A. Sutton



AFFIDAVIT OF Sutton

Killed June 15, 91, accused
He no money from
A. to money, exhibit de
A. Separation paper-
no other service

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SOLICITORS OF CLAIMS.

Cleveland, Ohio,

1 EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE, 1

IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

No. of Application, 97998

State: New York County: Essex
Post Office: Sandy Creek, 1881

I hereby certify That I have carefully examined
Joseph A Sutton, late a Private
Applicant's service. Co. G, 13th Reg't, New York Vol Inftry
in the service of the United States, who is an APPLICANT for an
invalid pension by reason of alleged disability resulting from gun shot-
wound left thigh

Degree of disability.

In my opinion the said Joseph A Sutton
is 3/4 \$6.00 per month incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence
by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Origin.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before me
it is my belief that the said disability did not originate in the
service aforesaid in the line of duty.

Probable duration.

The disability is Permanent

Particular description.

A more particular description of the applicant's condition is subjoined:
Height, 5-9; weight, 168; complexion, Light-
age, 41; pulse, 78; respiration, 17

I find ball anterior of thigh pushed upward
backward + anterior under neck of femur gouging
the bone there is some tenderness at point of
exit + some loos of lower in limb. I have
known the man for the last 8 years + he has
been slightly lame all the time for purpose
of manual labor his disability is 3/4 entitling
him to \$6.00 per month

Samuel J. Crockett

Examining Surgeon's Certificate.

Nov. 20th, 1865.

Applicant's
service.

I hereby certify, That I have carefully examined
Joseph A. Sutton, late a Private
of Co. G. 13th Regt. N.Y. A.V.
in the service of the United States, who was discharged at
Rochester N.Y., on the 14th day of May,
1863 and is an applicant for an invalid pension, by reason of
alleged disability resulting from gun shot wound

Degree of
disability.

In my opinion the said Joseph A. Sutton
is ($\frac{1}{4}$) one fourth incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence by
manual labor from the cause above stated.

Origin.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before
me, it is my belief that the said disability was received
in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

Probable
duration.

The disability is Temporary

A more particular description of the applicant's condition is
subjoined:

Particular
description.

G. S. W. of Right Thigh. Musket ball enter-
ing near Trochanter Major, and emerging post-
eriorly. This man walks with a slight limp,
and complains of a numbness of the limb and
inability to walk or labor any considerable time -
muscles relaxed & soft

B. H. Hovey

Examining Surgeon.

PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

TAKE NOTICE.—The affidavit should, if possible, be in the handwriting of the affiant; the marginal instructions must be carefully observed before writing out the statement. All the facts in possession of affiant as to the origin and continuance of the disability should be fully set forth, and the dates of treatment should be specifically given. If the affidavit is prepared from memoranda in possession of the physician, that fact should be stated.

State of Michigan, County of Clinton, ss:

In the Pension Claim No. 537502

William R. Sutton Father of Joseph A. Sutton Private late of
Co. G 13th Regt. New York Infantry Volunteers
(Company and regiment of service, if in the army; or vessel and rank if in the navy.)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid
County and State Henry W. Portman a citizen of aforesaid County and State
whose Post Office address is Eagle Clinton Co. Mich.

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he is a Practicing Physician, and that he has been acquainted with said soldier for about 10 years, and that
he has been crippled from a gunshot wound
(Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions. No erasures or interlineations will be permitted
ever since I knew him so much so that
unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before executing the paper.

he was unable to walk without the use
of two canes most of the time, I know he gradually
grew worse until his death. being scarcely
able to get in and out of a wagon or buggy. I have
often prepared and sold him medicines and filled many
prescriptions for him, and I consider his death due to
his weak nervous and debilitated condition which in
my opinion resulted from his gunshot wound in his
right thigh affecting his nervous system so much so
that it nearly destroyed the use of both legs causing
him to have to use two canes or crutches to enable
him to get around and by spells he was unable to
use them and was confined to the house on account
of his weak nervous and debilitated condition resulting
from said gunshot wound

32. The Physician should show the following facts:
1st. Whether or not he knew the soldier prior to enlistment; the length of time he has known him; how intimately and what opportunities he has had of observing his physical condition, whether as his family physician or as a neighbor; and how near he has lived to him. If he knew that the soldier was a sound man at enlistment, he should so state, adding if true that he had been unsound, he would have known it.
2d. If treated claimant while in the service either as his regimental surgeon or while claimant was home on furlough, that fact should be stated. The claimant's physical condition at such times should be clearly shown, as well as the nature of his disability and dates of treatment.
3d. If he has treated soldier since discharge, he should so state, giving the date of his first treatment; what his physical condition was at the time, with complete diagnosis of the disability; the period during which he treated him, should be stated, with dates as near as possible, of the prescriptions.
4th. The extent or degree to which claimant has been unable to perform manual labor during each year from discharge to the present time.

Physician's Certificate

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Henry W. Patton

W. Sage & Co. Merch

CLAIM OF

William H. Patton, Notary Public

As Duties as by 1872 & 1874 and

No. of Claim 537502

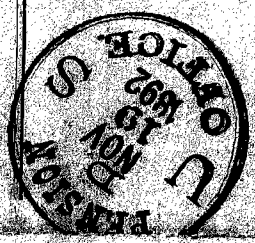
for

Edward Davidson

Decided Nov 7th 1892

Dr. Patton

Count



Filed by

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Notary Public

William H. Patton

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[T. S.]

Clerk of the

Witness my hand and seal of office, this

day of

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that his signature thereto is genuine.

for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and

foregoing declaration and affidavit was at the time of so doing

in and

and State, do certify that

Isq., who has signed his name to the

Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County

[T. S.]

(Official Character)

(Official Signature)

prosecution of this claim.

added, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the

erased, and the words

contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known to him before swearing, including the words

and I hereby certify that the affiant is a practicing physician in good professional standing; that the

sworn to and subscribed before me this

Seventh day of *November*

A. D. 1892

(Affiant's signature. Give rank and service, if in the army.)

Henry W. Patton

interest, either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

He further declares that he has been a practitioner of medicine for

One

years, and that he has no

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In the Pension Claim No. 537502

of William B. Sutton Father of Joseph A. Sutton late of
Co. B 13th Regiment New York Infantry Volunteers
(Company and regiment of service, if in the army; or vessel and rank if in the navy.)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid
County and State H. N. Swaney M.D. a citizen of aforesaid County and State
whose Post Office address is Eagle Clinton County Michigan
well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case
as follows:

That he is a Practicing Physician, and that he has been acquainted with said soldier for about Three years, and that
He has treated said Joseph A. Sutton several times for
(Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions. No erasures or interlineations will be permitted
unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before executing the paper.)
different ailments. When I first knew said J. A. Sutton
in 1888 he was able to walk quite well with the
aid of a cane, but before he died he was scarcely
able to walk with crutches. He still persisted
in driving the team. When from his wounds and
nervous condition he was totally incapacitated.
I think from what I can learn of the way he
met his death that it was from shock to the
Nervous System there were no Bruises to account
for his death, and I think that were he in possession
of the use of his limbs at the time of the accident
that this man would have come out unhurt he
was very nervous at times suffering from Insomnia
constipation and an increasing weakness of the
lower limbs and at times was unable to walk
at all

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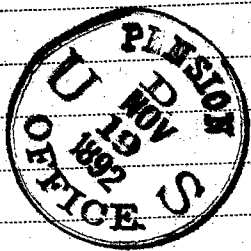
The Physician's Affidavit must show the following facts:

1st. Whether or not he knew the soldier prior to enlistment; the length of time he has known him; how intimately and what opportunities he has had of observing his physical condition, whether as his family physician or as a neighbor; and how near he has lived to him. If he knew that the soldier was a sound man at enlistment, he should so state, adding, if true, that had he been unsound, he would have known it.

2d. If he treated claimant while in the service either as his regimental surgeon or while claimant was home on furlough, that fact should be stated. The claimant's physical condition at such times should be clearly shown, as well as the nature of his disability and dates of treatment.

3d. If he has treated soldier since discharge he should so state, giving the date of his first treatment; what his physical condition was at the time, with complete diagnosis of the disability; the period during which he treated him should be stated, with dates as near as possible, of the prescriptions.

4th. The extent or degree to which claimant has been unable to perform manual labor during each year from discharge to the present time.



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He further declares that he has been a practitioner of medicine for Seven years, and that he has no interest, either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

(Affiant's Signature. Give rank and service, if in the army.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this Seventh day of November A. D. 1892

and I hereby certify that the affiant is a practicing physician in good professional standing; that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known to him before swearing, including the words

H. M. Swaney erased, and the words Robert W. David

added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

(Official Signature.)

[L. S.]

(Official Character.)

I, _____ Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit was at the time of so doing _____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 18 ____.

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

NOTE.—This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer uses a seal, certificate of Clerk of Court is not necessary. If no seal is used, then such certificate must be attached.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

AFFIDAVIT OF

H. M. Swaney M.D.
W. Eagle Clinth. Co. Mich.

CLAIM OF

William R. Sullivan Father of

Joseph A. Sullivan Capt. U.S. Army

No. of Claim 587502

for

Father Pension

Executed 10/11/92



Filed by

Larry Grim
Pension Attorney
Michigan & Michigan

Printed and for sale by J. H. SOULE, Washington, D. C.

Supplementary Evidence

Surgeons Affidavit of

PROOF OF DISABILITY.

State of *Michigan*
County of *Calhoun* } SS.

In the matter of the Pension ~~claim~~ No *197977* of *Joseph A Sutton*
late *Priv* Co *G* of the *13* Reg't *N.Y.* Vol. *Inf.*

Personally came before me, a *Justice of the Peace* in and for the
County and State aforesaid *Herbert H Swaney*

person of lawful age, who being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid claim as follows:

I have Examined Joseph A Sutton and find him suffering from the effects of a bullet wound, recd in a Skirmish in front of Yorktown there is Evidence of a fracture at upper Third Femur Considerable shortening of the limb Some wasting of muscles of leg Some adhesions in hip joint preventing free action of joint He complains of continual Pain in hip and Pains streaking down the leg. rheumatic Pains in different parts of body. Some palpitation of heart. Both his limbs are very much bowed and he uses two canes to enable him to walk around. is not capable of doing any work to speak of.

I further declare that *I have* no interest in said claim, and *am*
not concerned in its prosecution.

1. *Silas Compton*
Name of one witness of x mark.
2. *R W Daviel*
Name of other witness to x mark

H. H. Swaney Jr. D.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Surgeon General's Office,
RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,

Washington, D. C., July 31, 1872

[TRANSCRIPT FROM RECORDS.]

It appears from the records filed in this Office, that Joseph - Sutton
Reg't Co. B, 13 Reg't N.Y. Vol.
 was admitted to Mill Creek Gen Hospital, Fort Monroe Va.
Aug. 3, 1862, from _____ for treatment for
Chronic Diarrhoea, and was returned to duty
Nov. 28 '62. Entered Gen Hosp Fort Wood
N.Y.H. Aug 7 '62 with Gun shot wound,
no disposition given. Entered Gen Camp near
Alexa Va. July 23 '63, with Rheumatism, and was
sent to Gen Hosp. Feb. 24 '63. Entered Lincoln
G.H. Washington D.C. Feb. 24 '63 (as Joseph A Sutton)
with Ascites, and was sent to Gen Hosp. April 14
63. Entered 24 rd South St G.H. Phila. Pa. April
15 '63, with Ascites, and was sent to G.H. May 6 '63.
Entered Gen Hosp. 16 th Libert Dto. Phila. Pa. May 6 '63
with no diagnosis given. and was returned to duty
May 14 '63. The records of Hospes in Georgetown D.C.
or of the M.D. Dept. of Washington D.C. prior to Aug 3 '62
furnish no evidence in this case. nor do the
records of 24 th South Dto Phila. or M.D. Dept. of
Susquehanna prior to April 15 '63. There are
no records of Park Bk. N.Y. City on file in this
Office prior to Jan'y 1864. The records of the
Reg't are not on file in this office.

By order of the Surgeon General:

J. Woodward
 Brev. Lieut. Col. and Asst. Surgeon, U. S. Army.
 (99)

Vol. 31
 No. 1652

(NOTE.—This certificate should not be detached from the accompanying papers. If additional information is desired relative to the case, this paper should accompany the application therefor.)

(No. 6.)

Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

March 27, 1872.

Sir:

*In the case of Joseph A Sutton, No. 97998, late
a Priv., Co. G., 13. Regiment of N.Y. Vols
it is respectfully requested that you furnish this Office whatever evidence
the records of your Office may afford as to the disease or injury for
which the applicant was treated while in G. M. Georgetown D.C.
in May or June '62 then in Park Barracks Mass
N.Y. then in G. M. South 24 St. Phoenix
Discharged May 14/63.*

*He alleges his treatment was subsequent to
186 for G. M. right thigh.*

Please return this circular with your report.

Respectfully, yours,

M. Baker

Commissioner

Surgeon General U. S. A.,

Present.

Room No. 33

A. G.

(CIRCULAR No. 7.)

Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

Jan 16, 1866.

Sir:

Sir:

In the case of Joseph A. Sutton, late
Priv., Co. G, 13th Regiment N. Y. V.
it is respectfully requested that you furnish this Office whatever evidence
the rolls of said Regiment may afford as to the applicant's service
and disability. He alleges that he was wounded at the battle of
on the 2^d day of May, 62,
and was discharged on the 14th day of May 1863.

Respectfully, yours,

Please state cause of discharge. Joseph M. Barrett

Commissioner.

Adjutant General, U. S. A.

Washington, D. C.

62 R. P.

PROOF OF HABITS AND OCCUPATION.

Printed and Sold by Benton & Andrews, Rochester, N. Y.

State of New York, }
COUNTY OF Siringsland } ss.

On this Twentyfourth day of November 1865,
before the undersigned, a Notary duly authorized by law to administer
oaths, within and for said County, personally appeared Frank J. Murdock
and Jacob J. Gilder residents of said County, who being duly sworn
depose and say, that they are well acquainted with Joseph A. Sutton
late a private in Company G.
of the 13th Regiment of New York volunteers in the service of the
United States, in the War of 1861, who is now making application for a pension
from the United States by reason of wounds re-
ceived while in their service. That the personal
habits of said applicant since his discharge
are regular and temperate and that his
occupation since his discharge so far as he
has been able to engage in any labor, has
been that of a farm laborer and teamster.

And they swear that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Frank J. Murdock
Jacob J. Gilder

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN before me, the day and year first above mentioned, and I hereby certify,
that Frank J. Murdock and Jacob J. Gilder are
credible witnesses, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

W. S. Kilwell,
Notary Public

Official proof of
Notary's official character
on file -

State of New York
Livingston County ss

Ralph J. Wood of North Dansville in said County being duly sworn says that he was formerly a Captain in the 13th New York Volunteers and commanded Company G. in said regiment that Joseph H. Sutton was a private in said company - that on or about the 2nd of May 1862 while the regiment was lying before Forttown Va. said Sutton was detailed upon picket duty and in pursuance of said detail joined a picket or working party under command of Capt. George Highland of said regiment on the night of the second of May aforesaid - that while so upon duty said Sutton received a wound in the hip or thigh from a rifle ball fired at the party by ~~the enemy~~ in the works at Forttown aforesaid

Further that this deponent has no interest in the claim for pension made

State of New York,
Monroe County Clerk's Office,
ROCHESTER.

I, George H. Barry, Clerk of the County of Monroe, of the County Court of said County, and of the Supreme Court, both being Courts of Record, having a common seal, do certify, that

Edman W. May Jr
Esq., was, at the date of the Certificate of proof or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument in writing, a Commissioner, in and for said County, duly authorized to take the same; that I am well acquainted with his hand-writing, and verily believe that the signature to said Certificate is genuine, and that the annexed instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the Laws of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said County and Courts, this *29th* day of *May*

A. D. 186

Geo H Barry
Clerk.

This is to certify that we the undersigned are well acquainted with Joseph Sutton and know that he is entirely unable to do manual labor having to walk with two canes and getting around with great difficulty. We know him to be poor and much in need of financial assistance. We believe and understand that his lameness is the result of a severe hip wound received while in the service of the civil war.

Oct. 17, 1890, Names

Loyal Whitt

Henry W. Parrott

R. W. David

J. R. Compton

H. C. Briggs

E. C. Shyler

Occupation

Attorney

Postmaster

Justice of the Peace

DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION

State of Michigan, County of EATON, ss.:

On this 9TH day of MAY, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty NINETY, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, JOSEPH A. SUTTON aged 50 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the rate of 12 dollars per month, under Pension Certificate No. 197977 by reason of disability resulting from GUN SHOT WOUND OF RIGHT THIGH

Pension Certificate No.

incurred in the service of the United States while serving as a PRIVATE in Company G of the THIRTEENTH Regiment of NEW YORK Volunteers.

That he believes himself entitled to an increase of pension for disability above stated, and hereby makes application therefor, on account of an increased disability, and his rate, above named, being unjustly and unreasonably low and disproportionate to the rate drawn by other pensioners for similar or equivalent disabilities.

THAT HIS LAMENESS IS GROWING WORSE & WORSE AND THAT HE IS NOW UNABLE TO GET AROUND SO AS TO PERFORM MANUAL LABOR. THAT HE IS COMPELLED TO WALK WITH A CANE ALL THE TIME; AND MUCH OF THE TIME HE IS COMPELLED TO USE TWO. HE FURTHER ASKS THAT HE MAY HAVE A RE-RATING FROM JANUARY 1889. THAT HIS FORMER RATING WAS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS DISABILITY.

That he hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, H. J. PATTERSON, of Wacousta, Clinton county, Michigan, his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim.

His postoffice address is Eagle County of Clinton
State of Michigan

Joseph A. Sutton
(Signature of Claimant.)

Leroy Jones
Andrew J. Ewell
(Two persons who can write sign here.)

Also, personally appeared Leroy Jones, residing at Grand Ledge, and Andrew J. Ewell residing at Eagle Clinton County; persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Joseph A. Sutton, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark), to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Leroy Jones
Andrew J. Ewell
(Signatures of witnesses.)

See Instructions at the Bottom.

FOR INCREASE OF INVALID PENSION.

STATE OF Michigan
COUNTY OF Shiawassee SS. }

On this 19th day of October A. D. 1885 personally appeared
before me, Thomas A. Lawrie the same being a Notary Public Court of Record, in the County and
State aforesaid. Joseph A. Sutton
aged 45 years, a resident of the County of Shiawassee State of Michigan
who being duly sworn, according to law, deposes as follows, to wit:

I am a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the Syracuse N.Y. pension
Agency, at the rate of 6 Dollars per month, by reason of disability incurred in the military
service of the United States while a member of Company E 13th Reg't of N.Y.
Vols., and my present physical condition is such that I believe I am entitled to receive an increase
pension. I am now disabled in the following manner, to wit:

Wound in right thigh

IT IS WITH FULL POWER OF SUBSTITUTION THAT I HEREBY APPOINT J. B. CRALLE,
OF WASHINGTON, D. C., my true and lawful Attorney to prosecute my claim. My post-office ad-
dress is Poolerville County of Shiawassee State of Michigan
and the number of my certificate is 197977

Attest
two
witnesses.

P. Booth Joseph A. Sutton
Henry Haigler [Claimant's Signature.]

Also, personally appeared P. Booth residing at Conway Livingston Co
and Henry Haigler residing at Conway Livingston Co
I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn say they were present and
saw Joseph A. Sutton the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing
declaration, and that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said Claimant, and from
their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and they have
no interest, direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

Signature
of
witnesses.

P. Booth
Henry Haigler

NOTE.—This declaration may be made before a Notary or Justice, provided that the Certificate
of Clerk of Court is attached, showing the official capacity of said Notary or Justice.

DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION.

TAKE NOTICE.—If this declaration is executed before a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public, the certificate of the CLERK OF THE COURT, as to the official character and genuineness of the signature of such officer must be attached. Neglect to comply with this requirement will cause trouble and DELAY.

STATE OF Michigan
COUNTY OF Livingston } ss.

ON THIS 26th day of December A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty three

personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State

aforesaid, Joseph A. Sutton aged 43 years a resident of

Conway County of Livingston State of

Michigan, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the

United States, enrolled at the Syracuse N.Y. Pension Agency at the rate of Six

dollars per month, Certificate No. 197,977, by reason of disability from gun shot

wound of the right thigh (Here name the disability for which pension was granted.)

incurred in the Military service of the United States, while serving as a Private in

Co "G" of the 13th Regiment of New York Vol Inf (Here state rank, company, and regiment, if in the army; vessel

If in the Navy.)

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of an increase of the

disability for which he was originally pensioned.

(Here state the reasons for applying for increase. If on account of increase in the disability for which already pensioned, that should be de-

scribed. If on account of disability for which not pensioned, the location of the wound or injury, the name of the disease, and the time, place

disabled by reason of said wound until he is

entirely precluded from the performance of

almost all branches of farm labor, & obliged

to seek other employment to earn a livelihood.

That he suffers continuous pain therefrom,

and extreme pain from the use of his

right limb.

that he hereby appoints with full power of substitution and revocation

M. L. Gay of Howell Mich

his true and lawful attorneys, to prosecute his claim

His Post Office address is Powerville Livingston County

State of Michigan

Lugh Laughlin Joseph A. Sutton (Signature of Claimant.)

Tred P. Schoder

(Two witnesses who can write sign here.)

Index Sheet, Claim No. Surv. Conf. No. 197997Joseph A. Sutton,

Service,

Co. G, 13th N. Y. Vol. Inf.

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NO.	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	DATE OF FILING.	SUBJECT.
		<u>Accord Brief</u>	<u>Genl. law</u>
2	<u>Soldier</u> <u>Wayland, N. Y.</u> <u>Eagle, Mich.</u>	<u>Dec 14. 65</u>	<u>Declaration - J. S. W. H. thigh</u> <u>Hospital</u>
3	"	<u>Dec 31. 83</u>	<u>Increase on original</u>
4	"	<u>Nov 5. 85</u>	<u>Increase, original</u>
1. XX	"	<u>May 24. 90</u>	<u>Increase, original</u>
2. 5	"	<u>May 25. 81</u>	<u>P. O. - No other service.</u>
6. 6. 6. 6	<u>Wm. Deft</u>	<u>Nov 19. 92</u> <u>1866</u> <u>87</u> <u>4872</u>	<u>Service, dischrg. record.</u>
7	<u>Frank J. Mundack</u> <u>Jacob J. Gilder</u> <u>Livingston Co. N. Y.</u>	<u>Nov. 65</u>	<u>Habits good, a Laborer.</u>
8	<u>Capt. Ralph J. Wood.</u> <u>North Danville, Ky.</u>	<u>Dec 14. 65</u>	<u>Original wound hip or thigh</u>
9	<u>Loyal W. Hall</u> <u>Henry W. Paschall</u> <u>R. W. Waver</u> <u>L. B. Compton</u> <u>H. E. Prigg</u> <u>E. C. Snyder</u>	<u>Oct 21 1890</u>	<u>Degres. result of wound hip</u>
10	<u>Geo. H. Sutton</u> <u>Grand Ledge, Mich.</u>	<u>Nov 19. 92</u>	<u>(Filed in Father's Claim)</u> <u>Wound, wound at return</u> <u>H. thigh, affected both legs.</u> <u>He moved to Michigan 1864.</u> <u>Continuance, nervous prostration</u> <u>would fall down. Fell out of</u> <u>Wagon near house from his spells,</u> <u>caused death.</u>
11	<u>Alfred W. Sutton</u> <u>Rathbone, Mich.</u>		<u>History wound, nervous. used 2 canes.</u> <u>lost use legs, could fall often. Was with</u> <u>him Jan 15. 1891, in his wagon, nervous</u> <u>fell off, causing death</u> <u>Was subject to nervous spells.</u>

Service,

[illegible]

197977

ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION.

Syracuse

Claimant, *Joseph A. Sutton*
P. O., *Sandy Creek* Rank, *Private*
County, *Cowago* Company, *G*
State, *N.Y.* Regiment, *13 N.Y. Vols.*
Attorney, *Ralph T. Wood.* *New York N.Y.*
Fee, \$ *10⁰⁰* Agent to pay.
Rate, \$ *61* per month, commencing *May 15/63.*

Disabled by *gun shot wound of right thigh*
Submitted *July 22*, 1881, by *Ed H. Gleason*, Examiner.

Approved for *G. S. wound of right thigh*
Approved for *G. S. wound of right thigh*

Nov. 14, 1881. Benton, Reviewer. *Nov. 16, 1881, J. M. Rawlin*, Med. Referee.

Enlisted *Oct. 8*, 1861. service from
Mustered _____, 18. 18, to _____, 18, in
Discharged *May 14*, 1863.
Declaration filed *Dec 14*, 1865. Not in military or naval service since *May*
Last material evidence filed _____, 18. *14*, 1863, when discharged.

BASIS OF CLAIM.

Alleges in declaration filed *Dec 14/65.*
Wounded in right thigh at Yorktown Va. May 2/62.

Statement of Dr Crockett that wound is of left thigh is an apparent clerical as allegations and certificate of 2d Surg in 1865 show right thigh

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ACCRUED PENSION.

Act of March 2, 1895.

Eastern Division.

✓ Certificate No. 197,977 Last issue April 8, 1886 ✓

✓ Pensioner, Joseph A. Sutton Act General law ✓

Date of death, June 15, 1891 ✓

Claimant, Mary J. Sutton, Widow.

62 Munisoff St.
No 62 Thomson St.

Cleveland,

Cuyahoga Co., Ohio.

Certificate not filed.

Voucher not filed.

Submitted for admission June 8, 1898
" " Council May 2, 1900

Gold Examiner.
E. J. Mason Apr 11 J. J.

BOARD OF REVIEW.

Approved for Admission

Pay to widow at above

✓ F. J. Mason Reviewer, May 24 1900, 189
Thos. Loach RR " 22 "

CERTIFICATE DIVISION.

Accrued Pension Certificate and Order { Issued May 24 1900 189
Mailed " 28 " 189

Payable to Widow

Original certificate and voucher

Widow mites.

Increase INVALID PENSION.

Ct. 197.977

Claimant, Joseph A. Sutton deceased,

Mary J. Sutton Widow

P.O., of 62 Thompson St. Cleveland

Rank, Private

County, Cuyahoga

Company, "G."

State, Ohio

Regiment, 13th New York Vol. Inf.

Rate, \$ _____ per month, commencing _____

Disabled by _____

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name, H. J. Patterson

Fee \$ 10, Agent _____ to pay.

P.O., Hacousta, Mich.

Articles filed 20, 18 _____

REJECTED
JUN 7 1900

APPROVALS:

Approved for G. S. M. of right thigh

Approved for Gunshot wound

Pension to end June 15

1891, date of holder's death.

payable to widow named

above.

12/18

increase.

Feb 18, 1898, F. Moore, Legal Reviewer.

May 12, 1898, - May 16, 1898, J. J. Rank, Medical Referee.

Enlisted October 8, 1861

Discharged May 14, 1863. Last paid to _____, at \$ 12.00

Pensioned from May 15, 1863, at \$ 6., for G. S. M. right thigh

and from March 10, 1886 at \$ 12. for original.

Original declaration filed December 14, 1865; alleged G. S. M. right thigh

Declaration filed Dec. 31, 1883, alleged Increase on original

Rejected June 17, 1884

Declaration filed November 5, 1885, alleged Increase, original.

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed May 24, 1890, alleged Increase on original.

Died June 15, 1891.

Widow No. 668.624. Act.

Father No. 537.502. Reg.

Increase INVALID PENSION.

Claimant Joseph A. Sutton

P.O., Eagle Rank, Private
 County, Clinton Company, G
 State, Mich Regiment, 13 N.Y. Vol. Inf.

Rate, \$ _____ per month, commencing _____

Disabled by Gow. rt. thigh.

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name, H. J. Patterson Fee \$ 10, Agent _____ to pay.
 P.O., Wacousta, Mich. Articles filed _____, 18 _____

APPROVALS:

Submitted for Feb. 18, 1891. Cleaves Examiner.
 Approved for Gow. rt. thigh Approved for Gow. rt. thigh

Arch 5, 1891, Med. R. Legal Reviewer. Mar 27, 1891, Medical Referee.

Discharged May 14, 1863. Last paid to _____, at \$ 12
 Pensioned from May 15, 1863, at \$ 6, for Gow. right thigh.

Original declaration filed Dec. 14, 1865; alleged Gow. rt. thigh.

Dec. rep. June 17, 1884, and
March 31, 1886
Dec. to \$12 from March 1886.

Arrears allowed from _____, 18 _____, to _____, 18 _____, at \$ _____

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed May 24, 1890. alleges original.

clerk - makes

Claims

due by June 17, 1886

for above

Pensioned Nov 23, 1885 from May 15, 1863 at \$6 per month

Increase application filed Nov 5, 1885

Original application filed May 14, 1863

Discharged May 14, 1863

Certificate surrendered May 14, 1863

18

18

Med. Referee.

John Campbell

Reviewer.

March 31, 1886

March 31, 1886

Examined

Examined

Submitted

Disabled by

you are, though

Approved for you but award of right is withheld. Approved for you but award of right is withheld. Approved for you but award of right is withheld.

March 10, 1886

per month, commencing

Rate, \$

Attorney.

State,

County,

P. O.,

Claimant,

John A. Dutton

Rank,

Company,

Regiment,

City

pro state, city

2.

INVALID PENSION.

197.972
Approved

REJECTED
JUN 28 1884

Increase **INVALID PENSION.**

Claimant, Joseph A. Sutton
P. O., Fowlerville
County, Livingston
State, Mich
Rank, Priv
Company, G
Regiment, 13th H. G. Vols
Attorney, M. S. Gay. Howell. Mich
Fee, \$
Rate, \$ per month, commencing

Disabled by L. S. W right thigh
Submitted May 25th, 1884 by Sealrook
Examiner

Approved for

L. S. W of right thigh

Approved for

No increase

June 16 1884. W. K. Kuma Reviewer June 17th 1884. G. E. S.
Med. Referee

Discharged

May 14th, 1863

~~Certificate surrendered~~

, 18

Original application filed

Dec 14th, 1865

Last paid at \$ 6 , to

, 18

Increase application filed

Dec 31st, 1883

Pensioned

, 18 ; from

May 15th, 1863 at \$ 6 per month

for L. S. W of right thigh

Claims

Same

These special instructions are forwarded for your information, and when the claimant reports you will read them carefully before making an examination, and return them with your certificate.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS D. INGRAM,

Medical Referee.

Dr. _____

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[OVER.]

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

18

Nature of Claim

No.

Soldier:

Service:

It is desired in this case that the examination be made with special reference to—

The wound extending from the
groin to the knee to the knee
foot of the injured limb.

Examine and describe condition
of the left sciatic nerve
and the entire left leg.

Are there any evidences of
rheumatism in the joints or
tendons of either leg? or other
parts of the body?

Strip the perineum and describe
fully and carefully each disability.
Find whether there is wound
or not. In your examination
be especially careful strictly to the
requirements of paragraphs 5, 6, 8,
11, 62, 63 and 74 of your instructions
of 1896 and note each disability
separately. Locate accurately and
carefully the disfigurement.

Chas. D. Ingram

EXAMINER OF THE BUREAU OF PENSIONS
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON, D. C.

These special instructions are forwarded for your information, and when the assistant reports you will read them carefully before making an examination, and return them with your certificate.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS D. INGRAM,

Medical Director

Dr. _____

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Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

March 18, 1891

Nature of Claim: *Disability*

No. *97,977*

Soldier: *Joseph A. Smith*

Service: *Co. 12, 1st Regt. Ill. Vol.*

It is desired in this case that the examination be made with special reference to
Open Spinal Cord of 1878
thigh for which one pension
of \$12 per month

Ans.
This pension is asked upon
your record for a thigh wound
examination for the purpose of
determining accurately the cause
of the disease and whether in
its progress it injured the great
sciatic or any other nerve
or nerves. Whether the location
of the wound was in the
middle of the great sciatic or any of
the branches of the great
sciatic is one of the most
important to any case
as to produce paralysis or
atrophy in the leg itself

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF Ohio

COUNTY OF Lake

SS.

In the matter of the claim for

Funeral of the widow of Joseph A. Sutton, les. y. 13. N. Y. Inf Vols.

(Character of Claim.)

(Name of Claimant, the Name and Service of Soldier.)

Personally came before me, a

Notary Public

in and for the

County and State aforesaid

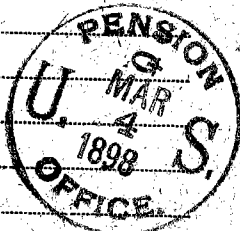
Wm. Lottier Sweet (Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

Camusville, Lake les. Ohio. (Here write the name of the Affiant or of each Affiant, together with the Postoffice address.)

person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows:

I have been personally acquainted with Mary J. Sutton, since the year 1857 - Her maiden name was Mary J. Dement. I know of her marriage to Joseph A. Sutton, which occurred some thirty years ago - when the applicant was quite a young girl - She was never married previous to her marriage with said Joseph A. Sutton - Neither was she ever divorced from the said Joseph A. Sutton - While it is true that the parties did not live together for some years previous to the death of said Joseph A. Sutton, I feel certain that the fact of a divorce would have become known to me, - by reason of my intimate acquaintance with the applicant; in like manner should I have learned the fact had the applicant ever been married previous to her marriage with said Joseph A. Sutton. I further declare that the said Mary J. Sutton, has not remained since the death of said Joseph A. Sutton, and I believe her to be the lawful widow of said soldier. I make these statements from personal knowledge - I further declare that I have no interest in this case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Mrs. Lottier Sweet



_____ further declare that _____ no interest in said claim, and _____ not
d in its prosecution.

If either Affiant signs by X mark, two persons who write their
names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

I _____ Signature of
(Name of one witness to X mark.) Affiant or of
2 _____ each Affiant.
(Name of other witness to X mark.)

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this 1st day of March 1898
at Painesville, in the County of Lake State of
Ohio

and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing
affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

(If any words have been erased, state and describe the words)

erased and the words

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

added: that the affiant is to me well known and is apparently respectable and worthy of full credit, and
(Is or are.) (Is or are.)

I fully certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Clark H. H. H.

(Name of Officer before whom executed.)

[L. S.]

Notary Public for and within Lake Co. Ohio.

(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

The Officer before whom this Affidavit is Executed must note in his Certificate all Erasures and Interlineations, as indicated above.

NOTE.—This paper may be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. Certificate of Clerk of Court need not be
attached; but will be procured when called for by the Department. In numerous instances the official character of the Notary or Magistrate is already officially
known at the Department.

Ind. No. 668624

CASE OF

Mary J. widow of

Joseph A. Sutton

Decy. 13th Regt.

W. Y. Inf. Vol.

Sweet

AFFIDAVIT OF RECEIVED.
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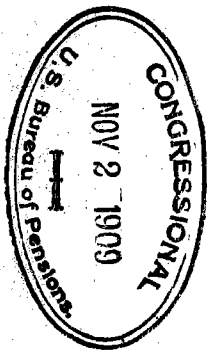
SOLICITORS OF CLAIMS.

Cleveland, Ohio

State of ~~Ohio~~, Michigan
Van Buren
Ingham County, SS.

Before me a Notary Public in and for Van Buren
County of the State of Michigan, personally appeared Jane
Demeritt, who being by me duly sworn, deposes
and says as follows:-

That on the 27th day of December ¹⁸⁵⁵ she was
married to Chas. Demeritt and that she lived with said
Chas. Demeritt until his death which occurred 26th
Dec. 1908. Affiant says that she has for a period
of 50 years been acquainted with Mrs. Mary Sutton, and
that said Mrs. Mary Sutton was the sister of affiant's hus-
band. That she ^{believes} Mrs. Mary Sutton to be a woman of good character
and excellent reputation. That she has positive knowledge that
her husband, ~~said~~ Chas. Demeritt while in a fit of
anger made a statement for an affidavit to the effect that
said Mrs. Mary Sutton had been guilty of adultery, ^{before} ~~but after~~
the death of Joseph Sutton the husband of said Mary
Sutton, affiant further states that at the time this statement
or affidavit was made said Chas. Demeritt was not in full
possession of his mental faculties and was not capable of taking
an oath or making an affidavit of this description. Affiant
further states that during the rational moments of said Chas.
Demeritt he often said that he deeply regretted the
action he had taken, and said that his course was actuated by
anger and the unbalanced condition of his mind. Affiant further
saith not:



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of September,
1909. My commission expires April 1/13

Mrs. Jane Demeritt
Arthur L. Moulton
Notary Public

1 EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE 1

IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

No. of Application, 97998

State: New York County: Oswego
Post Office: Sandy Hook, 1881

I hereby certify That I have carefully examined
Joseph A Sutton, late a Priv
Applicant's service. Co. G, 13th Reg't, New York Vol Infy
in the service of the United States, who is an APPLICANT for an
invalid pension by reason of alleged disability resulting from G S W
Right thigh

Degree of disability.

In my opinion the said Joseph A Sutton
is 3/4 Totally \$6.00 per month incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence
by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Origin.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before me
it is my belief that the said disability did originate in the
service aforesaid in the line of duty.

Probable duration.

The disability is Permanent

Particular description.

A more particular description of the applicant's condition is subjoined:

Height, 5-9; weight, 168; complexion, Fair
age, 41; pulse, 78; respiration, 17

Ball passed through Right thigh from front to
rear grazing under surface of neck of femur
& made its exit behind Great trochanter
wound of exit tender. There is even loss of
power in muscle of thigh & he complains constantly
of pain caused by standing or walking. States he
never received any wound except the one in Right
thigh. (He is bowlegged & an awkward walker at
least but after making due allowance for that & for
exaggeration I think his disability honestly 3/4 Total \$6.00

Samuel J. Crockett, M.D.

IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT FOR INCREASE OF PENSION.

No. 192937

Name of claimant.

Rank,

Company.

Regiment,

State,

Present rating.

That the present rating is unjustly low, or that there has been actual increase of the disability.

Particular description.

EXAMINING SURGEON'S ADDRESS

Post office.

County,

State,

Date of examination, April 30, 1888

The applicant states that he is now paid at the agency for a disability, on account of G. S. No. 10171 and that he applies for increase on the ground that his ability has increased

He states that he is 43 years of age, that he weighs 170 pounds, and that he is 5 feet 10 inches in height.

His pulse-rate per minute is 86, his respiration 17, and his temperature 98.2.

The surgeon should not recommend increase excepting for one of two reasons—that the present rating is unjustly low, or that the disability has really increased. In either case the reasons for changing the present rating should be clearly set forth, and should include a full statement of the physical and rational signs.

The examination reveals the following conditions:-
Tongue is coated. H & g well nourished. Stomach
firm. V.S. all entered anterior aspect
of eighth rib at about the union of the
middle & upper 1/3 and upwards & backwards
and outwards broken up pieces of the lungs
& small bone in the posterior of heart
both anterior & posterior are alike in size
Spleen is small and faintly - comes out
easily & has sciatic. Heart is enlarged
impulse is seen in the epigastrium approx
6 cm in 6th space one inch to the left
of nipple & up some heard with the stetho-
scope of the heart - near the median line

G.S. $\frac{3}{4} = \$6.00$ each = $\frac{1}{2} = \$4.00$

Judging from the condition and history of the claimant, it is our opinion the disability was incurred in the service as claimed, and that it is not aggravated or protracted by vicious habits.

find the disability as above described to entitle him to a 10/18

Henry B. Baker,

A. H. Bartholmeus
Examining Surgeon.

The Surgeon will forward his report of examination direct to the Pension Office whether the pensioner is thought to be entitled to increase or not.

Attention is invited to the outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate, and they should be used whenever it is possible to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, &c.

The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character and number of claim.

See

Pension Claim No. *197,977*

Name and rank of claimant.

J. A. Sutton

Rank, *Priv*

Company *E. 12th Reg't N.Y. Infy*

IONIA MICH

State,

Claimant's post-office address.

Eagle Plaster Co.

[Post-office address of the Board.]

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[Date of examination.]

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred

Cause of disability.

in the service, viz: *L.S.M. of right thigh & results and alleg. disease of left testicle*

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line.

and that he receives a pension of *12th* dollars per month.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for *See*

[Original increase, restoration, &c.]

Here give a full statement of the disability as briefly and as compactly as possible.

Claims unjustly low rating & disability given my thigh & testicle at the gall 1862. Thinks it was result of severe attack of diarrhoea. when his testicle dropped as he expressed it. Cause much pain & soreness along cord & never got any better Thinks totally disabled

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, *92*; respiration, *21*; temperature, *99 $\frac{1}{2}$* ; height, *5* feet *2 $\frac{1}{4}$* inches; weight, *133* pounds; age, *51* years.

Here give a full description of the disability, in accordance with parts 5, 6, 51, 52, & of Book of Instructions for 1889

General appearance very poor health. Body emaciated. Muscles soft & flaccid. Hands soft. Skin very dry & scaly. Nails with crutch & equal. Both fingers are chapped & presenting poor lymphatic appearance. Has to be supported. Both arms white & thin. On outer side right thigh 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. below superior iliac crest process of ilium is circular scar one inch by $\frac{3}{4}$ in. Scar said to be entrance of missile. Course of ball back & slightly upward to hip which is situated over external border of gluteal maximus muscle. Just below trochanter major & opposite to trochanter minor. Ball width of thumb. The scar is 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in length & right of scar is 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in breadth. Scar with the surface very tender. Claims has much pain running down to hollow of foot which is continuous. It is very weak. Can't possibly stand but a few minutes unless supported with cane or crutch. It is very weak & quakes in appearance. Two directed forward. The ball is 11 inches. Spots. There is marked degeneration anastomosis.

Rate for EACH cause of disability.

He is, in our opinion, entitled to a rating for the disability caused by *L.S.M. right thigh & results* for that caused by *small varicella* and *12th* for that caused by *2nd*

A. B. Grant, Pres. *M. H. Allen*, Sec'y. *W. D. Allen*, Treas.

N. B.—Always forward a certificate of examination whether a disability is found to exist or not.

Attention is invited to the outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate, and they should be used whenever it is possible to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, &c.

The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character and number of claim.

Increase

Pension Claim No. 197.977

[State above whether for original increase or restoration.]

Name and rank of claimant.

Joseph A. Sutton

Rank,

private

Company Y 13

Reg't M. vols

Lanang Mich. State,

Claimant's post-office address.

Waconeta Mich.

[Post-office address of the Board.]

October 15, 1890

[Date of examination.]

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred

Cause of disability.

in the service, viz:

U. S. W. of right thigh & increased disability

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line.

and that he receives a pension of

12 dollars per month.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Increase.

[Original, increase, restoration, &c.]

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible.

He has pain in right thigh, also weakness. The thigh is so weak he can hardly get around

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 72; respiration, 17; temperature, _____; height, 5 feet 4 inches; weight, 136 pounds; age, 50 years.

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with pars. 5, 6, 51, 52, &c., of Book of Instructions for 1889

Ball struck anterior slightly outer aspect of right thigh about 3 1/4 inches lower than the upper margin of great trochanter passed backward, inward & slightly upward internal to shaft of femur & emerged on the outer aspect of right gluteal muscles about an inch lower than & two inches from upper margin of great trochanter. Cicatrix is adherent. He complains of tenderness of both Cicatrices & severe pain in region of the wound extending to knee & to foot. The great sciatic nerve was doubtless injured & the Cicatrix of the wound is an irritant to the nerve. Thighs are of equal size, the right calf is 1/2 inch smaller than the left. The right knee is permanently enlarged, it is 3/8 inch larger than the left. This enlargement is due to inflammation which is probably a result of the U. S. W. The hamstrings are tense & a little shortened, he cannot quite extend the leg, he can fully flex it. He is quite lame in the right leg. Both legs are badly bowed outward. When he

Rate for EACH cause of disability.

He is, in our opinion, entitled to a total 3 grade rating for the disability caused by U. S. W. right thigh & results for that caused by _____, and _____ for that caused by _____

James H. Henry, Pres. Oliver D. North, Sec'y. Geo. O. Penney, Treas.

N. B.—Always forward a certificate of examination whether a disability is found to exist or not.

INCREASE OF PENSION.

(FOR A BOARD.)

Claim No. 197,977

Name of claimant,

Jos. A. Dalton

Rank,

Priv.

Company,

"C"

Regiment,

13th U. S. Infantry

Post-office address,

Fowlerville Mo Co

ADDRESS OF THE BOARD:

Post office,

Ann Arbor

County,

Washington

State,

Mich.

Date of examination,

Mar 10th, 1886.

Degree now paid and for what disability.

Reason for claiming increase and degree claimed.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that in compliance with the requirements of the law * we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is now paid six (6) dollars per month on account of gun shot wound of right thigh

and that he claims an increased rating for the reason that his disability has increased and that he is now disabled to _____ degree for earning his subsistence by manual labor.

His pulse-rate per minute is 84; his respiration 20; his temperature 99.6; his height is 5 feet and 6 inches; he weighs 140 pounds, and he states that he is 46 years of age.

Touching his disability and his reasons for asking an increase of pension, he makes the following statement: -

Says original wound healed in about six months - piece of bone coming out again after - Has pain in hip & thigh & knee on right side - tires out more quickly when he stands or walks - gets dizzy & has spells of being short of breath if he hurries or gets tired at work - At different times after wound from two years to five years ago has had bad colds even in hip some of them broke out - Has "fistula" there (3) years ago which he thinks communicated with Respiration - was operated on in Apr. 1884 by Drs Spencer & Smith of Webberville Mich. Has had rheumatism since wound

entitle him to an increased rating his - Shows scars of alleged wounds - see diagram - also creases of wound for fistula two inches to right & superior to anus - also two or three slight scars which he says were abrasions coming after wound - outside of upper third thigh cooler - circumference of thigh less than left - motion of hip both of rotation & flexion less of flexion of knee restricted & less than left - Use & strength of limb on right side undoubtedly much less than left - effects of gun shot wound - Evident relaxation of heart & respiration - runs & capillary congestion

From the existing condition and the history of this claimant, as stated by himself, it is, in our judgment, _____ probable that the disability was incurred in the service as he claims, and that it

has not been prolonged or aggravated by vicious habits. He is, in our opinion, entitled to a 12 of 3rd grade rating for the disability caused by gun shot wound of right thigh for that caused by _____, and 4th caused by Condition of heart

the sum of which aggregates 16 of 3rd grade

* See the back.

Edward M. Matwell, Pres.,

Mrs. T. Braker, Sec'y,

John Kapp, Treas.,

BOARD.

Rate for each cause of disability, and state the aggregate.

19.

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

WAR OF THE REBELLION.

DEPENDENT *Father*

PENSION.

Claimant, *William R. Sutton*P. O., *Eagle*County, *Clinton*State, *Mich.*Soldier, *Joseph A. Sutton*Rank, *Private*Co. *G*Regiment, *13th Mich. Vol. Inf.*Rate \$12 per month, commencing */*Pension to continue only during the existence of dependence. */*, 189*2*, date of filing application.**REJECTED**

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name, *Perry Train*P. O., *Mulliken, Mich*Fee \$ */*

Agent to pay.

Articles filed */*, 189*2*

APPROVALS:

Submitted for *Rejection*June 24, 189*2*Approved for *Rejection*

origin of

Approved for

death resulted from

due to

which has been legally accepted.

Medical Reviewer.

Medical Referee.

, 189*2*

IMPORTANT DATES.

Enlisted *Oct. 8*, 18*61*Invalid last paid to */*

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Mustered */*

, 18

Death of *mother*

, 18

Discharged *May 14*, 18*63*Remarriage of mother *June 19*

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Died *June 15*, 18*91*claim filed under former laws *June 19*

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Declaration filed *Jan. 12*, 18*92*Rejected */*

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Invalid application filed *Dec. 14*, 18*65*Cause */*

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

*Clant. writes**Rejection is the ground that the soldier's death from falling from a wagon was not due to his military service.*

Declaration for Dependent Father's Pension.

Act of June 27, 1890.

NOTE.—This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer uses a seal, certificate of Clerk of Court is not necessary. If no seal is used, then such certificate must be attached.

State of Michigan, County of Clinton, ss:

ON THIS 23rd day of December, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety one

personally appeared before me, a Notary Public

within and for the County and State aforesaid, William B. Sutton

aged Seventy Six years, resident of the Township of Eagle

County of Clinton, State of Michigan, who, being duly

sworn according to law, declares that he is the father of Joseph A. Sutton Private

who enlisted under the name of Joseph A. Sutton, at

Danville, on the day of October, 1861

in Company B 13th Regt. New York Infantry Volunteers
(Here state rank, company, and regiment in Military service, or vessel, if Navy.)

to serve Two years and was discharged May 14th 1863
by C. M. C. of State by reason of expiration of time
of service and who served under thirty Days

in the War of the Rebellion, who died at the Township of Eagle, on the Fifteenth

day of June, 1871, from the effects of wound in right thigh disabling

him in such a way that he fell out of a wagon and

Died from the effects of the same the wound was gunshot

caused in the service. Claimant does know when and where

Death but says he was in 1862 or 3 said Joseph Sutton at the time of his

incurred at Drew a Pension of \$12.00 per month on certificate No. 197977, on the day of , 18

That said son left neither widow, nor child under sixteen years of age, surviving. That declarant was married to the

mother of said son on the 17th day of May, 1855, at

the Township of Lyons, by W. D. Ducher Justice of the Peace

and that she died on the Nineteenth day of June, 1885, at

Township of Conway Livingston County That he is without other PRESENT means of support than

his own manual labor, or the contributions of others not legally bound for his support. That he has not applied

for a pension, the number of his application being . That he makes this declaration for the purpose

of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890. He hereby appoints

Perry Train of the village of the Village of Eaton County Michigan

his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. That his post office address is Eagle

 , County of Clinton

State of Michigan

Andrew J. McBurns
James A. McCutcheon
(Two witnesses who can write, sign here.)

William B. Sutton
(Signature of Claimant.)

NEIGHBORS' AFFIDAVIT.

For the testimony of EMPLOYERS OR NEAR NEIGHBORS of soldier (other than relatives), showing his present physical disability, as required under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

State of Michigan County of Clinton, ss.

In the matter of the application for pension of William R. Sutton Father of Joseph A. Sutton Co. G 13th Regt. N.Y. Infantry Claim No. 537502

ON THIS 30 day of April A. D. 1890, personally appeared before me, a

Natary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths

George W. Sutton aged 45 years, a resident of Eagle

in the County of Clinton and State of Michigan

whose Post Office address is Eagle and

William H. Sutton aged 57 years, a resident of Eagle

in the County of Clinton and State of Michigan

whose Post Office address is Eagle

well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid

case as follows: That they have been well and personally acquainted with Chaimant

for 30 years, and 50 years respectively, and that each one do state for himself

that they have always from their infancy been acquainted

with William R. Sutton and his family and know

that Joseph A. Sutton his son who was a Pensioner

and drew a pension on Certificate No. 127977 and

that he was the main support of said Chaimant

William R. Sutton and that the said Soldier Joseph A.

Sutton and William R. Sutton lived together as one family

for the last ten years that the said William R. Sutton

father of Joseph A. Sutton is an old man about seventy

six years old according to his family ^{Receipt} which we have

seen often we also know that he has no visible

means of support and has not had any means of his

own for the last ten years only such as Joseph A.

Sutton provided our means of knowing these facts

are that we have lived near neighbor to said William R.

Sutton for many years and in fact we have been acquainted

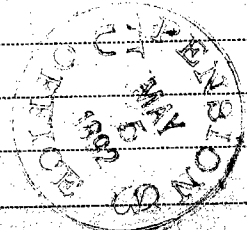
with the family from our infancy up to the present time.

Instructions—read carefully.

The witnesses must state:

1st. Their respective ages and occupation; the length of time they have known the soldier, and how long during that period they have employed, worked with or for him, or lived in the same neighborhood with him and how near to him.

2d. If they have employed or worked with him they should state where it was and at what business; or if they know him as neighbors only they should state about what distance from him they live; how frequently they see him and converse with him, and how intimate they are with him, and from what disease or disability he is suffering with at present, and whether at any time he is obliged to stop work by reason of his alleged disabilities. In this connection, if the witnesses have been his employers, or have worked with him or for him, they should state about what proportion of a sound, able-bodied man's work he is able to do—whether $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{8}$, or as the case may be; what his actual earnings are, and whether or not the wages paid him are less in amount, and how much less on account of his inability to labor than is paid to others physically sound, and doing the same kind of work. They should also state how they are able to say what his disabilities are, and describe fully and clearly the symptoms as they appear to them in his case; in fact, describe his physical condition fully, and show whether or not he is suffering from a mental or physical disability of a permanent character, not the result of his own vicious habits and the extent which he is incapacitated from the performance of manual labor, or the degree he has been unable to earn a support since the filing of his claim.



Affiants further declare that we have no interest in said case and we are not concerned in its prosecution.

Robert W. David
W. J. Stoner
[If Affiants sign by mark, two witnesses who can write sign here.]

George H. Sutton
William H. Sutton
[Signature of Affiants.]

NOTE.—The witnesses if not themselves equal to the task of drawing the affidavits, should go to some Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or other officer or competent person, and have the blank filled out and properly executed.

STATE OF Michigan, COUNTY OF Clinton, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____ erased, and the words _____ added

and acquainted them with its contents before they executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me and that they are credible person.

[L. S.]

Robert W. David
[Official Signature.]
Notary Public
[Official Character.]
in and for Clinton County

I, _____ Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit was at the time of so doing _____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 18 _____.

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

NOTE.—This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer uses a seal, certificate of Clerk of Court is not necessary. If no seal is used, then such certificate must be attached.

NEIGHBORS' AFFIDAVIT.

Act of June 27, 1890.

AFFIDAVIT OF

George H. Sutton & William H. Sutton
H. D. Eagle Clinton Co. Michigan

Nature of claim William H. Sutton & others vs

Soldier Joseph A. Sutton
Co. H 13th Wisconsin Reg't.

New York Infantry Vols.
No. of Claim 537502

P. D. Eagle Clinton Co. Michigan
April 130th 1892 time of Execution

Filed by _____
_____ Notary Public
William H. Sutton
Clinton Michigan

CLAIM FOR INVALID PENSION.

Printed and Sold by Benton & Andrews, Rochester, N. Y.

State of New York,
COUNTY OF Steuben } ss.

On this 25th day of November
one thousand eight hundred and sixty five personally appeared before me Joseph A. Sutton
Clark of the County Court County Court, within and for the County and State aforesaid
Joseph A. Sutton aged 27 years, a resident of Wayland
in the County of Steuben in the State of New York, who being duly sworn according to law
declares that he is the identical Joseph A. Sutton who enlisted in the service of
the United States at Danville N.H. on the 28th day of October
in the year 1861 as a private in Company C commanded by Captain
Ralph T. Wood in the 13th Regiment of New York Volunteers
the war of 1861, and was honorably discharged at Rochester in the State of New York
on the fourteenth day of May A. D. 1863; that while in the service
of the aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, he received the following wounds - viz -
a gunshot wound in the right thigh, being
inflicted by a minie ball fired from the
 rebel works at Fort Sumner Virginia on the 2nd
day of May 1862 - while deponent was in
the line of his duty at Fort Sumner aforesaid - that
deponent was removed to Field Hospital
and thence to United States Gen. Hospital at George-
town D.C. - thence after being removed to various
Hospitals he was finally sent to U.S. Gen. Hospital
at South 24th Street Philadelphia - from whence a
expiration of term of service of regiment deponent was
sent to Rochester N.Y. for muster out - that de-
ponent is greatly injured by said wound and
impeded in the doing of manual labor, and that
deponent has no means of living except by his
labor -

Deponent further says he resides at Wayland Steuben County N.Y.
and his Post Office address is Wayland -

He makes this Declaration in order to obtain the pension to which he is entitled by virtue of his service and the
disability aforesaid, under the Act of Congress approved July 14th, 1862.

Also, personally appeared A. A. Lason and Melvin V. Smith
residents of the Wayland of Steuben in the County of Steuben
in said State of New York, persons whom I certify to be respectable, and entitled to credit, and who, being by me
duly sworn, say, that they were present, and saw Joseph A. Sutton sign his name
to the foregoing declaration; and they further swear that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of
the applicant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and they
further state that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, by said Joseph A. Sutton the
said declarant, and by A. A. Lason
and M. V. Smith the said witnesses re-
spectively, this 25th day of November
1865. And I certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prose-
cution of this claim.

Joseph A. Sutton
A. A. Lason
M. V. Smith
John A. Lason

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th
 and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the
 proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Sir, your obedient servant,
 J. B. [Signature]

TO SPECIAL EXAMINER'S REPORT.

No. 668,624

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Summary

My dear Mr. Secretary,
I have the honor to return herewith
in the claim No. 6624, "Mary Jackson
as widow of Jacob A. Jackson, Co. E. 13th Regt
the claimant's first office address
is #12, Morrison St., Charleston, S. C., Bayberry
Co., Ohio.
The claim was referred for official
examination & testimony to
Washington, and come to me with
papers and for testimony in answer
to. Now, upon the facts submitted,
the testimony of Jacob's mother, James E.
Mentz, Edward Mentz, John H. Dyer
and E. H. Dyer all of Sandy Creek, N.Y.
show that the claimant is an orphan
and that her mother, Mrs. Mentz
lived there in her own home
until they left it. The evidence
leads to show the claimant is
her husband and widow of and
Jacob's mother. The claimant died
before a very good reputation while

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She resided at Sandy Creek N.Y.
The evidence shows clearly that
Claimant and Soldier were recognized
as husband and wife
from the time they came to Sandy
Creek until. She and Soldier testified
there is no evidence of any letters of
separation or that Claimant was ever
divorced from Soldier. I searched
the Court records of Onondaga Co., N.Y.,
from 1878 until 1892, but found no
record of any divorce between them.
Further, I interviewed the only Attorney in
Sandy Creek N.Y., who was living there
at the time the Claimant and Soldier
separated. Mr. Abernethy Pratt. He is
now almost 80 years old and his
memory is somewhat impaired. He
thinks if there was ever letters of
separation made out between the
Claimant and Soldier he would know them
but he has no recollection of any
thing of the kind. If there are letters of
separation, written on absolutely
divorce. Claimant would, under the laws of N.Y.,
be her Soldier's legal widow. The only question
in this case is has the widow violated the act
of Aug. 7, 1882, concerning this fact must be
determined by evidence in Cleveland and
where Claimant has resided since the Soldier
died. I recommend that the Claimant be admitted
for the consideration of the Board of Pensions.
Very respectfully
E. J. Moran
Special Examiner

DEPOSITION

B

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668.624.

On this 6 day of October, 1899, at
Township of East, county of Cheboygan
 State of Mich., before me, J. C. O'Connell, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
John Patrick Hyde, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 40 years of age; my post-office address is Onaway,
Dreque Isle Co. Mich. Farming.

I was born in the town of T. Lorena,
Onondaga Co. N.Y., was raised in Danvers
Co. N.Y.

Q Did you ever live in Danby Creek N.Y.?
 A Yes, that was after the war, about
fifteen years ago.

Q Did you ever know anybody by the
 name of Demeritt in Danby Creek?

A Yes, I saw Demeritt, also knew
Charles Demeritt at Dainville, O.

Q Did you know one Mary Demeritt?

A Mary Jane Demeritt before she was
 married, first knew her at Maple
Hill, N.Y.

Q Did you ever keep a saloon at
Danby Creek N.Y.?

A No, Sir.

Q Did you ever tend bar at Torowanda
N.Y.?

A Yes, Sir.

Q With whom were you living there
 at Torowanda N.Y.?

A Yes Sir, I lived with Mary J. Sutton,
 went by that name anyway, yes,

Q that was the Mary Jane Demeritt
 were you married to her or only kept her?

A Only kept her, that covers all. She was

- Q Keeping house for me.
- Q How many children did you have born to you by her and how many are now dead?
- A Not any that I know any about — not any now living anyway. She had no children after she left her husband. Yes, I knew her husband, Joseph Hutton, first at Maple Hill, N.Y. that was when I was a kid.
- Q There was a man there Andy McDomelle who used to stay board with them and it was reported that the oldest child of theirs belonged to Andy McDomelle. She was a woman "took in washing" any where.
- Q Did she ever take in your washing?
- A Yes, (laughing) she took in lots of washing for me. Yes, that's what I mean I had personal intercourse with her often. Yes, I had this intercourse with her when I was living at Tonawanda, N.Y., when she was keeping house for me there. Yes, she used to go by name Mrs. Hyde. I had a saloon of my own then, not-keeping bar or saloon for her. When I was there at Tonawanda, N.Y. I was keeping her. We lived together in the same house. Her husband was then in Sandy Creek, N.Y.
- Q Where were you living the year of President Harrison's election?

John P. Hyde

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 189____, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

B

Case of Mary J. Sutton No. 668,624On this 20 day of May, 1897, atState of Ohio, before me, John J. Sullivan, a

special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Mary J. Sutton, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:I am 42 years of age; my post-office address is

A I must have been up here in Cheboygan, Mich. I lost my eye the fall of 1882. That summer I kept saloon at Tounawanda and she lived with me then. Yes, she claimed she had children by me. I expect she claimed she had children by me. I don't think she was separated from her husband then. I heard they were married.

Q Did you ever live with her in Painesville, O.?
A Yes, that was before I lived with her at Tounawanda, N. Y.

Q No, I never lived with her in Painesville, Mich.
A I lived with her down in Cheboygan, Mich. awhile.

Q Did she take in your washing at Cheboygan, also?

A I guess she did and others too. That was sometime about the time Cleveland was elected the first time.

Q When did you last see her?
A I guess the next spring I left her and advertised her in the paper not to let her have anything in my name because she passed as my wife. And I advertised in the paper that she was not my wife. That was the spring that Cleveland took the Presidential Chair.

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I saw her the 4 of July that year at a dance in Cheboygan. I saw her there but did not speak to her. Do you remember where you were in January 1891?

I was there in Cheboygan.

I was married the second time in 1892. After I advertised her.

I staid in Cheboygan and married there my first wife. I have never seen this Mary J. Sutton since that 4 of July. Yes, I drove from Sandy Creek to Oulaski N.Y. one night to the Palmer House with her.

Did she take in your "washing" that night? No Sir, did not stay there long enough.

I was boarding with her and her husband at Sandy Creek, that was long before Cleveland's first election.

When I was boarding with them then she used to "take in my washing" there yes, at any time. Yes, we passed among the neighbors as husband and wife at Cheboygan. She used to speak of me as her husband. I never introduced her as my wife. No, I don't know whether Joseph Sutton is dead. I never saw him since he stopped with us at Downsville, N.Y. when he was on the way to Mich. to his people.

Did he know that you and Mary J. Sutton were living together then as man and wife?

John P. Hyde

Deponent.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ 189____, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

DEPOSITION **B**Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668,624.On this 10 day of August, 1897, atState of Ohio, before me, John H. [illegible], a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared[illegible] who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:I am 35 years of age; my post-office address is

A I presume he thought so. He never said anything to me about it.

Q Do you know whether there was ever a divorce between them?

A They were talking of getting or joining a pass bill. He said that she would give him a pass bill, agree to part. I don't know whether there was anything done. He sold her once for a barrel of flour, I think it was sold him away and for his pay for it. I heard them both say that, that was before I boarded with them.

Q Before you boarded with them did she "take in your washing"?

A No. I boarded with them at Andy Creek N.Y. long before Cleveland's first election. I think when I was fifteen, seventeen years old.

Q Do you know to whom he sold her?

A To my brother Jim. He boarded with them then. He is dead. That was at Dulaski, N.Y. I think, that was before I boarded with her. By the way I know she must have been taking in his washing or he must be getting his washing done by her too.

Q Are you positive that you never married her?

A Yes. She left Cheboygan that year that I advertised her. and I don't know what her relations have been since, whether she married or cohabited with any body. She staid at Cheboygan with a woman Bartlett, who kept a sporting house. I have no interest.

I understand your questions and my answers are correctly recorded.

John P. Hyde

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6 day of October, 1899 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

J. O. O'Connell

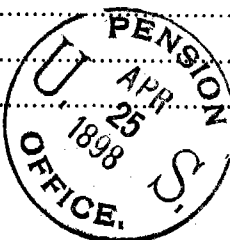
Special Examiner.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Ohio }
COUNTY OF Lamphoga } SS.In the matter of the claim for Pension of Mary J. widow of
Joseph A. Sutton Co. 13. 4. 1. Inf. Vols.
(Character of Claim)
(Name of Claimant, the Name and Service of Soldier.)Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)County and State aforesaid Mary J. Sutton the claimant
(Here write the Name of the Affiant or of each Affiant, together with the Postoffice address)

person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows:

The statement that my late husband and I entered into an agreement of separation is not true - all that was to it, I refused to live with him on account of his lewd habits, infidelity, etc. - I told him that I refused to live with him, and he went to his home in Michigan and that was all there was to it. The statement made by his brother George A. Sutton, that we had a lawyer in Sandy Creek, N. Y. draw up Articles of Separation, is not so, at least I do not remember that any such action was taken, and I no doubt would remember it - We were never divorced from each other, of this I feel certain. As stated in my application, I was married to the late Joseph A. Sutton at Byron Mich. about the year 1868 - in the fall of the year - We went to the home of the Methodist Minister and I think his name was Wright - He married us in the presence of his wife & son - I have made inquiries at the County Clerk's Office for a copy of the record of my marriage with Joseph A. Sutton but was told that there is no record - In those days it was not necessary to get a license & records of marriage were not so carefully kept. I am the lawful widow of Joseph A. Sutton -

Mary J. Sutton

..... further declare that.....no interest in said claim, and.....not concerned in its prosecution.

☒ If either Affiant signs by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1 Signature of
(Name of one witness to X mark.) Affiant or of
2 each Affiant.
(Name of other witness to X mark.)

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this.....20.....day of.....April.....1898.....
at.....Cleveland....., in the County.....Cuyahoga.....State of
Ohio.....and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing
affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words
(If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here.)

.....erased and the words
(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)
added: that the affiant.....to me well known and.....apparently respectable and worthy of full credit, and
(Is or are.) (Is or are.)
I fully certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.....

[L. S.]

John A. Bannhardt
(Name of Officer before whom executed.)
Notary Public
(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

☒ The Officer before whom this Affidavit is Executed must note in his Certificate all Erasures and Interlineations, as indicated above.

NOTE.—This paper may be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. Certificate of Clerk of Court need not be attached; but will be procured when called for by the Department. In numerous instances the official character of the Notary or Magistrate is already officially known at the Department.

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A. Sutton

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Bannhardt

no agreement to separate

she left him
has no kids

no record marriage

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Cleveland, Ohio

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668624

On this 17 day of April, 1900, at
Sandy Creek, county of Osage
 State of New York, before me, E. F. Mason, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Edward Williams, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 52 years of age; my post-office address is Sandy Creek
Osage Co., N. Y. Occupation Farmer.
 I have been a resident of this town for
35 years. I was formerly acquainted with
Joseph A. Sutton and his wife Mary J.
Sutton they lived here as husband and
 wife for a good many years. He did not
 come here until after the war and he
 lived here until some time in the '80's
 I lived a neighbor to them during the
 last year or two that he lived here. I remember
 he bought a house of E. H. Sargent with pension
 money. They lived in this house when living
 neighbors to me. I remember they did not
 live very friendly together, they had quite
 numerous quarrels. He did not fully
 pay for his place when he bought it.
 I was then keeping store here, and he
 got in debt to me and others, and in
 order to get my pay I took a mortgage
 on his house. About this time he and his
 wife separated. I am mistaken. She left
 him before I took the mortgage. There
 was a mortgage ahead of mine, and I think
 he settled with his wife with the money he
 got on the first mortgage. I know I
 paid off the first mortgage and thus took
 on this. The claimant had left him
 before I took my mortgage. I finally

had to foreclose my mortgage, but I did not
 here before I foreclosed the mortgage.
 I remember Paddy Hyde and it
 was said the Claimant went off with
 him when she left her husband.
 I don't know when they went and
 have never heard any thing of them
 since. I never heard the Claimant
 was divorced from her husband or that there
 was any letters of separation.
 The Claimant and Joseph A. Salton
 were recognized as husband and wife
 during all the time they lived together
 here, and they lived together up to the
 time she went off with Paddy Hyde.
 I am not related and have no
 interest. I have heard this deposition
 read, have understood the questions
 and my answers are correctly recorded.

Edwared Williams
 Deponent

Deponent.

1905 Return to and subscribed before me this 17 day of April,
 1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
 before signing.

E. F. Mason

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *A*Case of *Mary J. Sutton*, No. *648424*

On this *13th* day of *April*, 1899, at
Parisville, county of *Lake*
 State of *Ohio*, before me, *Joseph Hall*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared.

Lattie Smeet, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am *55* years of age; my post-office address is as above
 I am a widow. I became acquainted with
 the Claimant the winter of *57 & 58*. We were
 little girls together. She is not more than a
 year or two younger than I. She lived with
 her people on the shore of Cannadunga Lake.
 Her maiden name was Demeritt. I also knew
 the soldier. He used to play for dances
 that we attended before his marriage to
 Claimant. He had not been married prior
 this I know. He was just a young boy.
 Claimant had moved to what was known
 as Bloods Corners before her marriage and
 I only know of the marriage by hearsay.
 I never met them after their marriage.
 I heard of her marriage at the time. Heard
 it talked of - then our folks moved
 from there and they moved away
 and I never saw her till about
 three years ago. I came here three
 years ago last Sept. She has never
 lived here since I came back to this
 town from Dakota. I know by hearsay
 that she and her husband had
 separated but that is all. I do
 not know whether they were ever
 divorced. I heard of them through
 my sister Mrs Demeritt but
 I after would not hear of her

for years. I made an affidavit in the case. The attorney wrote me a list of questions and I answered them the best I could and he wrote out the affidavit and sent it to me and I read it over and thought it was all right and signed & swore to it. I never visited Claimant after I came here. I am not related and have no interest in the case.

My answers have been correctly recorded

Lottie E. Sweet

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of _____, 1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Joseph Hall

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668624

On this 30th day of Jan, 1899, at
Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga
 State of Ohio, before me, Joseph H. Hall, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Lillie Sutton, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 28 years of age; my post-office address is 62 Morrison
St. I am Clara's daughter.
 I do not remember how old I was when
 my father and mother separated.
 I remember it very well. I do not remember
 how long they had been separated before
 she came here to Ohio. I lived with my
 mother till I was 15 years of age.
 She never lived with Hyde or cohabited
 with him as his wife to my knowledge.
 I have known the Hyde family ever
 since I can remember. I do not know
 where Patrick Hyde is now. His brother
 lived about Sandy Creek the last I knew
 of them. Patrick Hyde boarded with
 us before we came to Ohio.
 He did not sleep with my mother when
 we were in Parriesville. She slept with
 me & my younger sister and we were
 all at my uncle's house. I was with
 my mother at Yama-wanda N. Y.
 they did not sleep together there.
 I was at my grandfather's in
Chehaguen Mich. She was there
 too though she worked a short
 time in Chehaguen. Hyde was
 up town. He did not stop with
 her at my grandfather's. She left
 me at my grandfather's (her father).

When she came back to Parnesville I have been married and am now divorced. I came here to live with my mother three years ago the seventh of this month. I never met Frank Knowles but once. I corresponded with my mother. I always addressed her as Mrs. Sutton. I never addressed a letter to her in any other name. I wrote to her while she was here with Knowles. Sometimes the letters were addressed to her home number, and sometimes the General delivery. She never signed any other name than Mary Jane Sutton when addressing me.

I have understood your questions and my answers have been correctly recorded.

Lillian Sutton

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of Jan., 1892, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Joseph Hall
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION C

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668424

On this 1st day of Feb, 1897, at
Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga
 State of Ohio, before me, Joseph Hall, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Mary J. Sutton, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 45 years of age; my post-office address is 62
Murison St

I am the claimant in this case
 and desire to withdraw my
 application for pension

I lived with Frank Knowles as I
 have stated I do not know when
 we separated I have no way
 of fixing the date. While I deny
 that we sustained improper
 relations towards each other
 still I traveled with him and
 went by the name of Knowles
 and I have no means of
 proving that our relations were
 not the same as man and
 wife. He is now married
 and I do not want him or
 others dragged into this matter
 I am going away the 1st of
 April as each can attest anyway
 and do not know where
 my address will be after that
 I have understood your questions
 and my answers have been
 correctly recorded

Mrs Mary J. Sutton

Sworn to

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of Feb,
1897, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

Joseph Hall
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION B

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668424

On this 30th day of Jan, 1899, at
Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga
 State of Ohio, before me, Joseph Hall, a

special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Mary J. Sutton, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 45 years of age; my post-office address is 62 Thurston
St.

I am acquainted with Patrick Hyde.
 He came to Painesville after I did.
 He did not come with me. I came there
 with ~~him~~ ^{my children} and he came there afterward.
 He was just a friend I knew him in
 New York. He never lived with me or
 my husband. He was at my brother's house
 with me but he did not room or sleep
 with me. I never lived in Painesville
 with Patrick Hyde. I never lived with
 him any where. I have never seen him
 since I left him in Painesville that I
 remember. John P. Hyde was not his
 name. I do not know anyone by
 that name. I was in Torrancia N.Y.
 a few months Patrick Hyde ~~terrible~~
 bar for me. I kept a saloon and hotel
 this was soon after I left my husband. I do
 not know when. I never lived at Chelapau
 Mich. I was there a short time visiting my
 father. Yes I met Patrick Hyde there.
 He was working in the lumber woods.
 Some people called me Mrs Hyde when
 I first returned to Painesville but I told
 everyone it was not my name.
 My brother's people were to blame for that.
 They thought it would be better to have

She known as Mrs. Angle to avoid talk I cannot tell how long I had been living separate from my husband before I came to Painesville. I know Frank Knowles we had a photograph gallery here in Cleveland and I was known as Mrs. Knowles.

I was his house keeper and I had about little money I had in the business.

I never lived or cohabited with him as his wife and when we dissolved partnership I told everyone my name was not Knowles. We were at Youngs town Akron & numerous places in the photograph business together but I never told anyone we were married. My youngest daughter was with me all the time I was keeping house for Knowles. We dissolved partnership between five and six years ago.

We were only in Youngstown a week. We boarded with a lady there. We were only in Akron about 2 months. We were taking views there.

He might have said I was his wife but he never introduced me as his wife.

and I know I never introduced him as my husband. I had no children except by my husband. I gave birth to one in Painesville when I came there first. Then I went back and lived with him and I had another by him. I have never had but 4 children. 2 of them are still living.

Mary J. Setton

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of Jan, 1897, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Joseph Hale

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *A*

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 448424

On this 24th day of Dec, 1898, at
Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga
State of Ohio, before me, Joseph Hall, a
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared
Mary J. Sutton, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of afore-
said pension claim, deposes and says: I am 44 years of age
residence P.O. address 62 Morrison St Cleveland O
Occupation anything I can get to do.
I generally work on the Lakes as a cook
through the summer. I was born and
raised in New York State near Canandaigua
Newville was my P.O. address. My husband
Joseph Sutton worked for the Patchen family
at ~~Canandaigua~~ ^{Loon} Lake for 13 years.
I was married to Soldier about three years
after the war. I cannot give dates for any-
thing my memory is too bad. I never
lived at home after I was 11 years of age.
I was living with Mrs. Tripp who lived
near Loon Lake in New York when I got
acquainted with Soldier. I do not remember
the name of the place or her given name
she had a son Samuel Tripp.
I left there with Soldier to go to see his
people at Canby Livingston Co Mich.
We intended to get married but he had
been paying some attention to one of the
Tripp girls and I would not marry
him there so we agreed to go to where
his people lived and get married there.
We got off the train at Byron Mich and
hired a man to take us to Canby.

We were married in Kyron before we
 started. Neither of us had been previously married.
 We were married by a minister I got a
 certificate but it was destroyed by fire.
 Shortly after our marriage I think the minister
 was a Methodist and that his name was Hughes
 but am not sure his wife & son were
 the only witnesses. We lived with his ^{Soldiers}
 people something over a year and then
 we went back to Pulaski Osage Co Mo.
 We lived there 10 or 12 years. John Weaver
 & his family were our best friends there
 and often visited us after we moved
 from there. We moved from there to Sandy Creek
 Osage Co Mo. We lived there several years.
 I do not know how long but there is where
 we separated. I came to Painesville I to
 my brother Charles De Meritt. I worked in
 Painesville 8 years. I had two children.
 I took the youngest and left the other
 there at Sandy Creek. They are both
 with me now. Soldier was improperly
 intimate with the hired girl and I
 would not stand it. He wanted the
 children but I took both of them away
 from him. I brought them both to Painesville
 but the oldest one went to her grand
 parents and I saw no more of her
 till after she had been married.
 I came here from Painesville and
 have never lived anywhere but here
 and Painesville since I separated from
 my husband. I never applied for divorce
 and I do not think he did for I received
 no notice and he has always known
 where I was and has been to see me
 to get me to go back to him but I would
 not go. That was a few years after we

separated. We had no written agreement about a separation. I never signed any paper with him except when I was going to leave him I signed away my right of dower in the place he owned and he sold out and went to Mich to his people where he lived till his mother died when he went to his brother George and lived there till he was killed. His father is dead now I heard this from his brother George. I was always on good terms with all his people. Soldier had a wound in his hip which gave him trouble when he overworked or the weather was bad. I have never married or lived with any man as his wife since I left soldier. I have no property whatever the furniture I have bought on the installment plan and owe 40.00 on it yet.

Mrs Sweet 118 Walnut St Barnesville O has known me from child hood and I worked there for Dr. Messerman. Here I have worked by the day & by the week and taken in work and tried every way to get along.

I have understood your questions and my answers have been correctly recorded

Mary J. Patton

Deponent.

Subscribed before me this 24th day of Dec 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Joseph Hall

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